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COVID 19 UPDATE: TOWN OWNED PARKS TO REOPEN MAY 14, 2020

SMITHERS – Effective May 14, 2020 all Parks within the Town of Smithers will reopen to the public, with the exception of sports fields and municipal playgrounds at this time.

With the reopening of Parks, the following practices should be followed:

- Stay at home and away from others if you're feeling ill.
- Please remember to maintain "Physical Distancing".
 - Small numbers of contacts (2-6 people).
 - No handshaking or hugging outside your family.
 - Keep a safe distance (6 feet apart from the next person).
- Please remember to practice "Good Hygiene".
 - Frequent hand washing.
 - Avoid touching face.
 - Cough or sneeze into your sleeve.
- Consider using non-medical masks when physical distancing isn't possible.
- Gatherings of 50 are still **not** permitted.

Together, we can take these actions to keep the curve flat, while doing more to improve our personal well-being and strengthen our connections in our communities.

With regards to the opening of municipal playgrounds, the Town will be opening municipal playgrounds at the same time the Province opens provincial playgrounds within parks.

With regards to the opening of sports fields, the Town is monitoring the discussions that the Province is having with sports organizations and once guidelines are released the Town will relook at reopening sports fields.

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