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## NEWS RELEASE

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### ELECTRONIC COUNCIL MEETINGS AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

SMITHERS – The December 2, 2020, Provincial Health Officer (PHO) Order on Gatherings and Events requires local governments to make some changes to how meetings and public hearings are currently conducted. The public is now restricted from attending all local government meetings and public hearings in person.

In an effort to ensure public participation in Council Meetings, citizens can submit general questions and comments regarding the agenda by email no later than 6:00 p.m. to [dplouffe@smithers.ca](mailto:dplouffe@smithers.ca) or by dropping off a letter to the front desk at Town Hall, 1027 Aldous Street no later than 4:30 p.m., on the date of the meeting. These will be read out loud at the meeting.

Further instructions will be provided in the event of a Public Hearing.

Regular Meetings of Council are broadcasted on the Town of Smithers Facebook page found here: <https://www.facebook.com/Smithers.BritishColumbia>

If you have any questions regarding this new process, please contact:

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