



## News Release

### SCRD's Restart Plan Adopted by Board of Directors

Sechelt, BC—August 10, 2020 – The Sunshine Coast Regional District's (SCRD) COVID-19 Restart Plan was adopted by the Board at the July 30, 2020 Special Board meeting. The Restart Plan is a coordinated strategy to reopen facilities and restart services impacted by the response to the COVID-19 pandemic following a precautionary approach to ensure the safety of the public and staff.

"This is a carefully planned and phased approach to restoring many of the amenities and services closed in our community while maintaining and protecting public safety," says Dean McKinley, SCR D Chief Administrative Officer.

The plan outlines four stages to restoring services. The SCR D will closely monitor the success of implementing each stage to ensure users are adhering to the rules and practicing safe physical distancing guidelines.

In June, at Stage 1 of the restart plan, the community began to have some access to a variety of amenities including playgrounds, campgrounds with limited capacity, outdoor fields, and the Field road office re-opened with limited hours and service. The SCR D continued to follow cleaning and safety measures for transit drivers and passengers, and conventional transit capacity was managed at 40%.

Currently the SCR D is at Stage 2 of the restart plan with continued modified services at the Field road Administration office, transit (66%-80% of conventional transit), playgrounds, campgrounds, outdoor fields, spray parks re-opened and select community hall bookings were accepted where physical distancing could be maintained.

Stage 3 includes a staggered approach to reopening recreation facilities with modified service levels and where physical distancing can be maintained, and finally at Stage 4, when the pandemic ends, all services return to regular service levels, some in modified form.

"It is crucial that any decisions we make in the coming weeks must not compromise ongoing efforts to flatten the curve of COVID-19, which is why this plan is a cautious, step-by-step approach to returning access to the community in a controlled, staged and responsible manner," says McKinley.

The Restart Plan is available on the SCR D's website at [www.scrd.ca/covid-19-updates](http://www.scrd.ca/covid-19-updates).

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