



News Release

Next Steps in B.C.'s Restart Plan

Sechelt, BC – July 2, 2021 – As British Columbia shifts to Step 3 of its restart plan, the Sunshine Coast Regional District (SCRD) is providing an update on what this plan means for our services.

“As we look ahead to our next steps, I ask for the continued patience and support that our community has shown our staff over the last 16 months,” says Dean McKinley, Chief Administrative Officer with the SCRD. “Our focus is on a return of services with our community and our staff’s health and wellbeing remaining top of mind.”

Mask Wearing

The SCRD is asking that our community follow recommendations from the Provincial Health Officer to wear a mask in our administration buildings and facilities if you are not yet fully vaccinated.

Further information on this can be found in the B.C. Government’s Restart Plan - <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/covid-19/info/restart>

Field Road Building

The SCRD’s main administration building at 1975 Field Road will return to pre-pandemic opening hours. From Monday July 5, the office will be open to the public, Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (excluding statutory holidays).

These hours apply to the following services:

- Building enquiries
- Infrastructure services enquiries
- Utility bills
- Dog licenses
- Garbage collection stickers (for extra garbage cans)
- Other SCRDR accounts receivable

Please note that enquiries for planning and mapping services remain on the schedule below. Updates will be provided when hours for these services are extended.

Planning – Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Mapping services – Tuesday and Thursday, 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Transit

Following the guidance of the Provincial Health Officer and WorkSafeBC, BC Transit recommends customers wear a face covering on board BC Transit vehicles, unless you meet their exemption criteria. Further information on this can be found on the B.C. Transit website - <https://www.bctransit.com/sunshine-coast/home>

In addition, capacity on buses will be expanded to include fully seated buses and standing room. The remainder of other safety measures, reviewed by both the Provincial Health Officer and WorkSafe BC, remain in place to ensure a safe environment for staff and our community.

These include:

- Enhanced cleaning and sanitization of buses and BC Transit facilities
- Protective barriers between drivers and customers
- Staying home if you are sick and following the standard notification process
- Practicing proper hand hygiene including washing your hands and using hand sanitizer
- Practicing physical distancing where possible

Recreation

Throughout the public health emergency, SCRD recreation staff have been working diligently through numerous public health orders to ensure that our community can access our facilities and services safely. Staff are currently reviewing all of the information contained in Step 3 of the restart plan and in the coming weeks will be working on implementing this plan at all of our facilities. The immediate focus for our recreation staff is increasing capacity limits for classes and reintroducing Drop-In schedules.

Further updates on recreation will be provided in the coming weeks.

Guidance on renting SCRD spaces can be found [in this news release](#) that was issued earlier this week.

Public Meetings

The SCRD is preparing to welcome our community back for in-person public meetings. We anticipate having further information available in the coming weeks.

In the meantime, should any resident wish to take part in a public meeting they can do so via the Zoom platform. Information on our meetings is hosted on our website at www.scrd.ca/agendas and any member of the public can join electronically or directly by dialing in.

Updates

Stay tuned to the [SCRD's website](#), [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) for further updates on SCRD services in the coming weeks.

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