



News Release

Return to Public Meetings & Recreation Drop-in Schedules

Sechelt, BC – July 15, 2021 — Sunshine Coast Regional District (SCRD) staff are continuing to work towards implementing Step 3 of British Columbia's Restart Plan. Today we have two updates to share with our community.

1. Boardroom reopening

We are pleased to once again be able to open our boardroom doors to the public for committee and board meetings. Participation of staff and elected officials in these meetings will continue to be a mix of virtual and in-person. Members of the public who attend will be able to watch the meetings in progress and can also ask questions from the boardroom.

Future meeting information and agendas can be found at www.scrd.ca/agendas.

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. Do not attend any meeting if you are sick.

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

2. Recreation Drop-in Schedule Roll Out

Throughout the pandemic, the SCRD's recreation team have responded to numerous public health orders that have changed how the public can access our facilities. The team has been working hard behind the scenes to plan for a return of drop-ins at all of our recreation facilities.

Starting next week in Pender Harbour Aquatic & Fitness Centre, and rolling out to all of our facilities by the first week of August, you will no longer be required to pre-register for your visit. Restrictions on capacity limits and movement around the facilities are also being lifted.

The staggered rollout of drop-in schedules will allow staff to ensure best practices are being followed for everyone's safety. The following is the schedule for the resumption of drop-in:

Pender Harbour Aquatic & Fitness Centre

Drop-in starting July 19

**Gibsons & Area Community Centre
Sunshine Coast Arena
Sechelt Aquatic Centre***

Drop-in starting July 26

*Some aquatic features may not be available until September.

Gibsons & District Aquatic Facility

Drop-in starting August 3

Although many COVID-19 restrictions are being lifted, please make sure you follow these important safety protocols:

- Stay home if you or a family member are sick. If you are unwell, call 811 for guidance on what to do next.
- Masks are recommended in recreation facilities for everyone 12 years and older who is not yet fully vaccinated.

Read more about the lifting of restrictions in our facilities at www.scrd.ca/recreation-restart

“This resumption of our services has been a long time coming and I want to thank our staff for their diligent work in preparing for the resumption of recreation drop-in schedules and the reopening of our boardroom” says Dean McKinley, Chief Administrative Officer with the Sunshine Coast Regional District. “Everyone is taking the easing of restrictions at their own pace and I ask that anyone entering our facilities is mindful of the need to be patient with our staff and with each other.”

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