

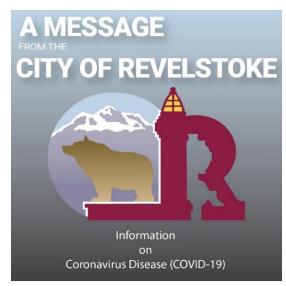
## City of Revelstoke Media Release

March 20, 2020 Immediate Release

## **COVID-19 - City Park Closures**

Revelstoke, BC – As the situation with the COVID-19 virus continues to change, the City of Revelstoke is advising that in an effort to ensure everyone in our community remains safe and take social distancing measures seriously, the City will now close all City parks, including but not limited to: Kovach Park, Queen Elizabeth Park and Centennial Park.

These closures come in accordance to a March 16th <u>Class Order</u> from the Provincial Health Officer, Dr. Bonnie Henry, which was issued to notify owners, occupiers and operators of places at which large numbers of people gather.



Dr. Henry, during her daily health briefing on Thursday, stated that social distancing is not optional. She stated: "I want to be very clear that everybody needs to take these actions now. This is what's going to protect us for the next few weeks – it's going to protect ourselves, it's going to protect our families."

Congregating in groups then heading home to see loved ones puts all of our community members at increased risk – our aging population and those with weakened immune systems deserve diligence from each of us.

Mayor Sulz stated: "How I behave affects your health, how you behave affects my health; we are all in this together. We ask that the community adheres to these closures and that the orders be taken seriously."

All City parks and playgrounds will be closed effective: Dawn (7am) on Saturday March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020.

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