



COVID-19 Update April 17, 2020

Local Governments

Village of Hazelton- Closed to the public.

Still available via email (info@hazelton.ca) or phone (250-845-5991).

Garbage collection is continuing.

District of New Hazelton- Open, asking people to limit contact. Call if you have questions (250-842-6571). Garbage and recycling pickup is continuing

Gitanmaax Band Office- Closed to the public. Please call 250-842-5297.

Gitxsan Government Commission is closed to the public, can be reached via phone at 250-842-2248.

Fire Ban/ Open Burning Prohibitions

As of Thursday (April 16th) at noon the Province implemented a Province wide fire ban on all Category 2 and 3 open fires. This means no large sky lanterns are permitted. These restrictions are in place to reduce wildfire risk and to ensure that air quality is not compromised.

Campfires are permitted but as always take precautions, this means having water near by, not leaving fire unattended, and fully extinguishing fire before leaving.



Renter Support

The provincial government has launched a renters who may have difficulty paying rent. The Province encourages all renters to continue paying their rent and talking with their landlord to establish a payment schedule if they can't pay rent right now. The temporary rent supplement will provide for up to \$500 per month, for eligible households to be paid directly to the landlord on the renter's behalf. Additional information will be available at <http://www.bchousing.org> in the days to come.



Safe Seniors, Strong Communities

The Province is providing funding to United Way to administer the Safe Seniors, Strong Community Program. This program matches seniors and volunteers for grocery and prescription pick up and drop off. Call 2-1-1 or visit bc211.ca.

The Northern Health COVID-19 Information Line can be reached at 1-844-645-7811.

Village of Hazelton Council Meeting Update

The Village of Hazelton held their regular meeting of Council April 14, 2020. This meeting took place via teleconference due to the current COVID-19 Pandemic. The public was invited to submit questions to Council prior to the meeting. These questions would have been answered by Council and a response provided within 48hrs. For the time being this will be how Council meetings will take place.

Council Agenda's are available online on the Village of Hazelton website. April 14th Meeting contained reports, bylaws, policies and correspondence.

Council approved an update to the Emergency Plan to include an appendix to deal with pandemics. Council passed a resolution to submit a grant for Community Evacuation Route Planning. Council received reports on Government Street and Bastion Park. Council endorsed a resolution for BC Gaming revenue to be shared with small municipalities. Financial statements to March 31, 2020 were also received.

Council adopted the Five Year Financial Plan and the 2020 Tax Rate Bylaw. Both these bylaws are available on the Village of Hazelton website. Council has sought a large amount of grant funding to ensure that tax increases are minimal. Council also adopted two new policies. One related to Working From Home and the other regarding Standby.

Council received correspondence from Gitanmaax Band Council and from the Attorney General.

Throughout the meeting the COVID-19 Pandemic was front of mind and Council thought and deliberated on what impacts the pandemic will have on the Village of Hazelton.

Village staff are continuing to work hard behind the scenes to ensure the Village is able to recover when life returns to normal. These are unforeseen times with new challenges on a nearly daily basis. We thank all residents for their patience and Village Staff is available by phone to answer your questions.

Call 8-1-1 to talk to a nurse that can assess your risk and provide instructions.