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ALBERNI-CLAYOQUOT REGIONAL DISTRICT BEAVER CREEK NEWSLETTER

Quarterly Newsletter

ACRD OFFICE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC DUE TO COVID-19

The following options are available to make payments:

- by phone with Visa or Mastercard - 250-720-2700
- online banking

We encourage you to sign up for e-billing so your water bill can come directly to your email. No log-in required! Your bill and newsletter will be sent directly to your email as an attachment. All you have to do is send your email address along with your property address to: accounting@acrd.bc.ca

For more information about COVID-19 please visit www.acrd.bc.ca

BEAVER CREEK WATER - COVID-19 UPDATE

Water System operations are an essential service and the regional district has taken steps to ensure uninterrupted service to the community including putting human resource and critical supply contingency plans in place. We ask the public to keep your distance from Water Operators when you see them in the field, as their health and wellness is critical to water system operations. Expect possible delays of non-critical service requests. Late penalties for those not able to pay their water bills on time will not be applied during the pandemic to provide relief to those residents who are experiencing financial difficulties.

THE 2019 BEAVER CREEK WATER SYSTEM ANNUAL REPORT

This is available to view on our website at <https://www.acrd.bc.ca/beaver-creek-water>. This report highlights the performance and water quality of the system and the completion of an updated WERP for the water system in 2019. It also details our 2020 Capital improvement work planned for Fayette and Lamarque Roads, as well as installing a back-up generator at the North Reservoir and the replacement of a utility service vehicle.

WATER CONSERVATION PLAN

As a requirement for grant funding to continue to replace aging and failing water mains, staff have created a Water Conservation Plan for the Beaver Creek Water System that is also available on our website <https://www.acrd.bc.ca/beaver-creek-water>. The adopted plan provided many options to improve water conservation in the system which was presented to the Committee and Board in January. The Board adopted a minor adjustment to the allowable volume of water in the Basic Charges that will be effective beginning July 1, 2020. The volume will be reduced from 108 m³/quarter to 90 m³/quarter for the threshold that per cubic meter rates apply above. This reduction is less than recommended in the plan with the intent of having a minimal impact for residents and the opportunity to provide education on water conservation to the community.



Beaver Creek: A COVID-19 Update

The message is clear: Stay home, practice social distancing, wash hands, avoid travel, stay safe!

New Regulations on Open Fire: No Open Burning

The Province has prohibited most open burning activities throughout BC in an effort to reduce the likelihood of human-caused fires. This action will reduce demands on firefighting resources as well as reducing the impact of wildfire smoke on air quality and public health during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Fire restrictions will remain in effect until further notice. The fire ban outlines no backyard burning, slash burning or barrel burning, including:

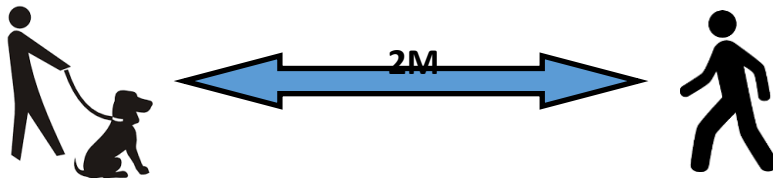
- Category 2 open fires
- Category 3 open fires
- Resource Management open fires
- Use of fireworks
- Use of sky lanterns
- Use of burn barrels or burn cages of any size or description (except for campfire)



Note: Campfires and cooking fires are allowed but discouraged. Must be smaller than 0.5 meters high by 0.5 meters wide.

Anyone failing to comply, will face heavy fines and even jail time. To report a fire violation, phone *5555 or 1-800-663-5555. For further explanation of the fire categories and a description of full regulations, visit: www.gov.bc.ca/openfireregs.

Practice Social Distancing & Keep Your Distance!



New Measures at AV Landfill & Recycling

- Do not visit, if you are unwell or feeling sick
- Only visit if your trip is essential such as bringing waste that is at risk of attracting pests or going rancid
- Use curbside collection if possible
- No cash payments. Only debit or credit cards
- 3rd Avenue Recycling Depot is temporarily closed. Paper and packing materials can be brought to landfill

BC Parks: All Provincial Parks are closed:

Effective immediately, BC Parks has closed all provincial parks and facilities. This includes campgrounds, day-use areas, trails, playgrounds, shelters, visitor centres, cabins, chalets, resort areas, group campsites, boat launch and all other facilities and land, owned and operated by BC Parks.

This step is in response to the widespread call for increased action to address COVID-19.

"It has proven too challenging to maintain safe distance between visitors.

This action is difficult but necessary."

