

## **Administration Department**

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## **Media Release**

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## **District of Summerland Facility Closures – COVID-19**

Recognizing the need to respond to the directives of the Provincial government around COVID-19 as well as the needs of our community and the health and safety of District staff, as of Tuesday March 17, the District of Summerland is taking the following precautions:

- The **Summerland Aquatic & Fitness Centre** has been closed and **all associated recreational programs** have been cancelled until further notice.
- The **Summerland Arena** has been closed until further notice.

"The District of Summerland believes that in the best interest of the community and our staff, the closing of these facilities for the time being is a responsible thing to do" said Anthony Haddad, the District of Summerland's Chief Administrative Officer. "Based on the advice received from the Provincial Government on March 16, 2020 that mass gatherings of 50 or more people should be avoided, and the difficulties in practicing safe social distancing in these facilities the District is supporting this requirement with these closures."

The District's **Work & Utilities Office** and **Municipal Hall** are still open for public business; however, residents are encouraged to contact District staff via email, or by calling the following phone numbers:

Municipal Hall: (250) 494-6451Works & Utilities: (250) 494-0431

• Recreation: (250) 494-0447

## For more information:

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