



Regional District of
Kitimat-Stikine

NEWS RELEASE

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Regional District Office Closure - Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Terrace, B.C.

The Regional District of Kitimat-Stikine (RDKS) is engaged in planning activities to be proactive in minimizing health and safety risk, as well as managing and mitigating any potential COVID-19 impacts in our facilities and operations as well as to the services we deliver.

Effective immediately we will still be available by email and by phone but are **closing all our facilities to the public until further notice**. This applies to our main office, works and services office, Thornhill Fire Hall, Thornhill Community Centre, Thornhill Animal Shelter and Upper Skeena Recreation Centre. Staff will be available by email and by phone to assist you.

We believe the office closure is part of our obligations to protect the health and well being of our employees, the community and members of the public. We apologize for the inconveniences this may cause as we adapt to an evolving situation.

Staff will continue monitoring the COVID-19 situation, undertake proactive measures, and continue to liaise with other agencies, organizations, and communities.

Main office: 250-615-6100

Works and Services – Thornhill: 250-638-1358

Thornhill Volunteer Fire Dept.: 250-638-1466

Thornhill Animal Shelter: 250-6381565

Emails as follows: Planning@rdks.bc.ca

Solidwasteservices@rdks.bc.ca

Mapping@rdks.bc.ca

Finance@rdks.bc.ca

Dogcontrol@rdks.bc.ca

If you have questions about COVID-19, please refer to:

Northern Health (www.northernhealth.ca)

HealthLink BC (www.healthlinkbc.ca)

BC Center for Disease Control (www.bccdc.ca)

Health Canada (www.canada.ca)

World Health Organization (www.who.int)

If you think you may have come into contact with COVID-19 or are showing symptoms, please do not go to your healthcare provider; instead CALL 8-1-1 FOR ADVICE or see COVID-19 Online Clinic and Information Line to help

answer questions and concerns from Northern BC residents. The NH COVID-19 Online Clinic and Information Line can be reached at 1-844-645-7811.

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