



Physical Distancing at Beacon Hill Park and Dallas Road

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VICTORIA, BC – The City is making it easier for people to maintain physical distance in Beacon Hill Park and along Dallas Road by restricting vehicle access and realigning parking.

Starting tomorrow, the primary roads within Beacon Hill Park will only be accessible to service and first responder vehicles on weekends. Parking along Douglas Street and on Nursery Road will remain open with an increased number of accessible stalls.

Along Dallas Road, parking near the multi-use pathway construction between Dock Street and Lewis Street will be suspended over the holiday weekend as changes to allow parallel parking are completed. These interventions will free up space inside Beacon Hill Park and in constricted areas along Dallas Road so local residents can stay active, while also maintaining physical distance.

In addition to the vehicle access and parking restrictions, City staff will be out in public spaces to engage with residents about playground and recreation facility closures and to encourage physical distancing.

“I look forward to seeing our parks bustling with playdates and picnics again one day, but right now we are following Dr. Bonnie Henry’s advice to limit the spread of COVID-19,” said Mayor Lisa Helps. “Now is the time for people to remain in their home municipalities and to use the parks and trail systems nearby. So if you do go out for exercise and fresh air, a walk close to home is your best option.”

CRD and City parks are staying open at this time, as the risk of transmission outdoors is much less than the risk indoors. As directed by B.C. Public Health Officer Dr. Bonnie Henry, if you are going for a walk, don’t congregate or gather in groups. Keep a two-metre physical distance and be courteous of others.

The Mayor’s Facebook Live update will take place at 2:30 p.m. today, where she will provide an update on the City’s 2020 Budget and other COVID-19 related items. For information on the City’s response to COVID-19, visit victoria.ca/covid19response.

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