



Increased Physical Distancing Measures in Parks

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VICTORIA, BC – The City is implementing additional measures to ensure residents can still enjoy parks and open spaces during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Starting April 17, 2020, the parking area off Foul Bay Road and Crescent Road, serving Gonzales Beach Park, will be open to service and emergency vehicles only. The public washroom next to the parking area remains open.

Physical distancing measures in Beacon Hill Park announced on April 9 continue on weekends only.

Additionally, new signage will be deployed to narrow path areas to remind residents to allow others the space they need to remain safe and follow health advice. The City is engaging with Township of Esquimalt staff to ensure a coordinated approach in border areas.

“We are all following Dr. Bonnie Henry’s orders to stay home as much as possible and to maintain a physical distance of two metres from others outside our home,” said Mayor Lisa Helps. “With over 130 parks and open spaces in the City of Victoria, there is no shortage of greenspace in our own neighbourhoods for fresh air and exercise.”

Recreation ambassadors are out in parks to engage with residents about recreation facility closures and to remind people about physical distancing.

The City continues to examine other opportunities to improve physical distancing where congestion is observed.

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