

# INFORMATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE - APRIL 27, 2020

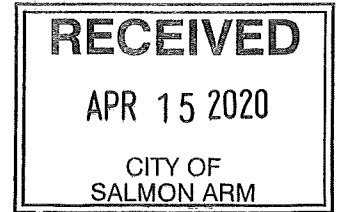
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| 1. | M. & B. Bonten – letter dated April 14, 2020 – Request for Speed Bump and Reopening of the Library   | A |
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| 3. | B. Stiles – email dated April 19, 2020 – Request for Business License for Fitness Classes in City Parks  | A |
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| 5. | S. Witzky, ALIB Councillor, L. Chrisholm, Project Coordinator/Storyboard Assistant, J. Brett, Technical Lead – letter received April 9, 2020 – Secwépemc Landmarks Project request for Letter of Support | A |
| 6. | Technical Safety BC – email dated April 9, 2020 – Remote Assessments During COVID-19   | N |
| 7. | H. O’Hara, Executive Director, BC Association of Farmers’ Markets (BCAFM) – letter dated April 16, 2020 – Farmers’ Markets are Essential Services under BC State of Emergency                            | N |
| 8. | Interior Health Authority – information bulletin dated April 18, 2020 – Alberta outbreak may affect workers in Interior Health Region  | N |
| 9. | G. Halseth, Co-Director and M. Morris, Co-Director, Community Development Institute of UNBC – letter dated March 27, 2020 – COVID-19   | N |

N = No Action Required  
A = Action Requested

S = Staff has Responded  
R = Response Required

17 – 780 10<sup>th</sup> Street SW,  
Salmon Arm, B.C. V1E 1L9  
Canada

April 14, 2020



ATTN; Mayor and Council

To whom it may concern;

We are writing this letter to make a couple of suggestions. We are fairly new to the city and feel we have fit in well. In particular we love the fact that the sidewalks are plowed very quickly after a snow storm. We are walkers as are many of the seniors and others.

As you can see by our address, we are opposite Canadian Tire in the yellow houses Braeside Place Strata. On either side of us on #10<sup>th</sup> Street, we have many, many seniors. Our suggestion is that because this street is such a busy street, not only people coming and going to and from the shopping center but continuing on to the large housing developments and farms up the hill, #10 Street has certainly become a raceway of mostly pickup trucks with large muffler exhausts, making it extremely noisy, day and night, and very unsafe for all the seniors trying to cross the street or just trying to get some rest. May we suggest some speed bumps be installed or much more RCMP presence, especially in the early evenings on 10<sup>th</sup> Street between the four way stop at 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Thank you for this consideration.

Our other suggestion would be as the city begins to open up after the corona virus threat, the library be one of the first business be open. This can be accomplished by only allowing 5-10 people into the library at a time. The library is so essential to people living in Salmon Arm. It was closed very quickly, without much notice to allow members to borrow more reading material than usual. We cannot find any other business that provide their services.

Thank you for your assistance.

Maarten Bonten

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Beth Bonten

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**From:** Anne Morris

**Sent:** Monday, April 20, 2020 1:14 PM

**To:** Erin Jackson

**Subject:** Letter to City Council and attachment; also E-mail addresses for relevant Parliamentarians

Good afternoon, Ms. Jackson,

I am attaching a **letter to Council** from the Salmon Arm Ecumenical KAIROS Committee, which we hope to have considered by City Council at its April 28th meeting.

Also an article from *The Hill Times* by veteran Canadian diplomat and arms control specialist, Earl Turcotte. We would appreciate if you would circulate this to Council as well.

**Regarding follow-up action:** Assuming that Council adopts our proposed resolution, I would like to give you E-mail addresses for the **Prime Minister** and **Foreign Affairs Minister**, and for sending **copies** to the **opposition party leaders**, and to our **MP for North Okanagan Shuswap**:

The Right Hon. Justin Trudeau

Prime Minister of Canada

E-mail: [pm@pm.gc.ca](mailto:pm@pm.gc.ca)

The Hon. Francois-Philippe Champagne

Minister of Foreign Affairs

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Yves-Francois Blanchet, MP

Leader of the Bloc Québécois

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Mel Arnold, MP

for North Okanagan Shuswap

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Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have questions.

Best wishes,

Anne Morris

April 20, 2020

His Worship Mayor Alan Harrison  
and Members of City Council  
City of Salmon Arm, BC

Your Worship and Members of Council,

In the past months, Council has heard from Salmon Arm citizens concerned about the existential threat of climate change to humankind and the planet. This letter concerns *the other* existential threat - *a nuclear weapons disaster*.

Early this year, the hands of the Doomsday Clock were moved ahead to 100 seconds before midnight, signifying the increased risk of nuclear war. In so doing, members of the Science and Security Board of the Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists are explicitly warning political leaders and citizens around the world that "*the international security situation is now more dangerous than it has ever been, even at the height of the Cold War*". The United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research has echoed this warning.

There are still about 14,000 nuclear weapons in the world. The Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons — the cornerstone of the international effort to prevent the spread of nuclear weapons — is in dire jeopardy.

Several other international treaties have been abandoned or are in jeopardy: In May 2018, President Trump withdrew the U.S. from the Iran nuclear deal (the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action), although the U.S. could not point to a single instance of Iran's non-compliance with the terms of the deal. In February 2019, the U.S. withdrew from the INF (Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces) Treaty. Predictably, the US and Russia have begun a new competition to develop medium ranged nuclear weapons that are banned by this Treaty.

The Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty lacks ratification by key states including the U.S. and China, and thus cannot go into effect. In addition, the U.S. continues to suggest that it will not extend New START, the agreement that limits US and Russian deployed strategic nuclear weapons and delivery systems. The U.S. is also threatening to pull out of the Open Skies Treaty of 2002.

There are also several disturbing developments: a) The 2018 U.S. Nuclear Posture Review explicitly *expands the number of scenarios in which nuclear weapons can be utilized*, including in response to *non-nuclear* threats such as cyber; b) the 'Defender of Europe 2020' military exercises, curtailed because of the virus pandemic, were scheduled to bring thousands of U.S. soldiers into Europe for military exercises culminating at the Russian border.

In this context, the leaders of the world's nations will gather some time in the coming months for the 2020 Review of the Nuclear Weapons Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT), postponed because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The NPT imposes on all nations a legal obligation to engage in good faith negotiations toward the elimination of nuclear weapons. But the nine nuclear weapons nations are all engaged in modernizing their nuclear weapons. As a result, the Treaty is in danger of being abandoned by the growing number of non-nuclear-weapon nations that question whether the nuclear weapon nations will ever forgo their nuclear weapons. Without concrete action to address this situation, certain Middle East non-nuclear nations will inevitably conclude that they have no choice but to seek nuclear weapons for themselves.

Is there a role for Salmon Arm in the face of this dangerous situation?

In 2006, Salmon Arm became a member of Mayors for Peace, an international organization of 7,689 cities. Headed by the Mayors of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, the two cities that were destroyed by U.S. atomic bombs in 1945, its main goal is the elimination of nuclear weapons. Mayors for Peace believes there is a role for cities and engaged citizenry toward achieving a nuclear weapons-free world. Since 2006, Salmon Arm City Council has taken a number of initiatives encouraging the Canadian government to take action towards the total elimination of nuclear weapons.

In the past, Canada has worked actively with like-minded states to strengthen the Non-Proliferation Treaty. Canada's recent work within the 16-nation Stockholm Initiative is a laudable example. <<https://new-york-un.diplo.de/un-en/news-corner/stockholm-initiative/2310512>> This creative diplomacy should be greatly expanded to help preserve the Non-Proliferation Treaty and promote a political climate in which international negotiations can take place on a treaty that contains a timetable for the elimination of nuclear weapons.

We therefore request that Salmon Arm City Council support the following resolution:

That, Council authorize Mayor Alan Harrison to write to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and to the Minister of Foreign Affairs, the Hon. François-Philippe Champagne, urging that Canada make nuclear arms control and disarmament a national priority, and work toward achieving an international consensus that will save the Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) when it comes up for Review at the United Nations in the coming months.

Sincerely,

Anne Morris and Carol McAndrew  
Co-Chairs,  
Salmon Arm Ecumenical KAIROS Committee

Attachment: 'Public health crisis offers new lens towards nuclear disarmament' **Hill Times** Apr. 15/20

**Endorsements:**

The Right Reverend James A.J. Cowan  
Incumbent of St. John the Evangelist Anglican Church  
Salmon Arm

The Reverend Jenny Carter and  
First United Community of Faith, Salmon Arm

The Reverend Fennegina van Zoeren, Minister  
St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, Salmon Arm

The Reverend Dale Normandeau  
St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Salmon Arm

The Reverend Erik Bjorgan, Pastor  
Deo ELCIC Lutheran Church, Salmon Arm



*The Hill Times*, April 15, 2020

by Earl Turcotte, veteran Canadian diplomat and arms control specialist, and Chair of the Canadian Network to Abolish Nuclear Weapons.

# Public health crisis offers new lens towards nuclear disarmament

The COVID crisis might also serve as a cautionary tale, helping us to appreciate the fragility of life and avoid threats to humanity that are within our control.



Earl Turcotte

*Opinion*

**T**hat COVID-19 has created a new global reality is clear. If there is any positive aspect to this unfolding situation, it could be a deeper understanding of the fact that the well-being of people throughout the world is inextricably linked. The COVID crisis might also serve as a cautionary tale, helping us to appreciate the fragility of life and avoid threats to humanity that are within our control.

In 2019, a team of researchers at Princeton University simulated a limited exchange of low-yield "tactical" nuclear weapons to depict "a plausible escalating war between the United States and Russia, using realistic nuclear force postures, targets, and fatality estimates." They concluded that more than 90 million people would be killed or injured within a few hours and many more would die in the years following.

This is far from the worst-case scenario. In 1982, the Ronald Reagan administration conducted a war game dubbed "Proud Prophet" that concluded that even a limited nuclear attack on the then-Soviet Union would almost certainly elicit a massive

response, resulting in a half-billion people killed in the initial exchanges and many more from radiation and starvation over following decades.

To be sure, the nuclear threat has been around for a while. Why worry about it now more than usual, when we have so much else to worry about? Because developments of late have made the "unthinkable"—nuclear Armageddon—more probable than ever; factors that led the Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists on Jan. 23 of this year to move the hands of the Doomsday Clock up to 100 seconds to midnight, closer than ever before.

Over the past few years, nuclear-armed states have embarked on a new nuclear arms race, precipitated by the U.S. under the banner of "modernization." Russia and the U.S. have produced missiles that can travel up to 27 times the speed of sound and are considered to be unstoppable. There has been steady deterioration of the nuclear arms control regime with U.S. withdrawal and subsequent unravelling of the nuclear deal with Iran; U.S., then Russian withdrawal from the Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces (INF) Treaty; and U.S. refusal to renew the New Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty with Russia that is set to expire in 2021, to name just a few. Add to the mix rising tension among nuclear-armed states, ongoing testing by North Korea, signs that Iran, Saudi Arabia, and South Korea might also pursue nuclear weapons capability, the possibility that one or more terrorist groups will acquire nuclear weapons and the ever-present potential for human miscalculation or accident.

Canada is to be congratulated for recently joining 15 other non-nuclear armed nations in the Stockholm Initiative—led by Sweden—that calls upon nuclear-armed states to "advance nuclear disarmament and ensure in the interest of humanity, nuclear weapons will never be used again." Does this represent a more forceful posture on nuclear disarmament more generally? We pray it does. Our lives and indeed the future of our planet could depend upon it.

Earl Turcotte is chair of the Canadian Network to Abolish Nuclear Weapons.

*The Hill Times*

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**From:** Brandi Stiles  
**Sent:** April 19, 2020 7:34 PM  
**To:** Alan Harrison  
**Subject:** Proposed Changes

Your Honourable Mayor, Alan Harrison,

I hope you and your family are safe and healthy in these rather uncertain times.

My name is Brandi Stiles and I operate Galeria Estima, a small Fitness & Yoga Studio in Westgate Public Market. I also work at Chadalin Medi Spa, and briefly met you at the spa when you were with Morgen and Jennifer voting on all the Hometown Hockey windows.

I am writing this letter to propose changes to the regulations regarding health and fitness professionals, such as personal trainers and yoga teachers' usage of parks within the Salmon Arm district. I propose that a special license be created, similar to a business license, that insured health and fitness professionals upon paying for this license would have access to municipal parks for operating their sessions. Having lived in London, England for many years and operating as a Personal Fitness Trainer, I witnessed firsthand how these regulations benefitted the vibrancy of parks and other public spaces when such activities were allowed to operate in those healthy, natural environments. Further, the annual fee to the Borough of London was a source of civic income and provided health and fitness professionals a license to train clients in specific parks.

I understand that up until now this has not been possible, but I believe that such a move will create another positive image for our community, as well as provide the extra benefit of giving small operators an opportunity to train clients or run small classes in a managed way. I also realise that specific guidelines or restrictions can be put in place to ensure that such activity does not inhibit or interfere with the fluidity and functioning of youth sports or other happenings in the spaces. For example, specific times and locations could be agreed upon with a possible booking system to ensure all events run smoothly. Salmon Arm has only a small number of trainers or yoga teachers that may want to utilise this initiative, but we would love to be able to diversify our offerings and create a unique aspect to our businesses. The visual of citizens out in the community engaging in healthy activities not only reflects well on the city, but may also inspire others to partake in healthy pastimes.

Moving forward together as a community, we are going to have to be creative and allow for greater ingenuity as we navigate our way into operations and ways of life post Covid-19. I hope you are open to further dialogue regarding this proposal, so that we can lead the way in assisting passionate and educated fitness professionals to reinvigorate our community when we return to life.

I hope you had a great weekend and I look forward to discussing this proposal with you further.

Yours in health,

Brandi Stiles

Owner Galeria Estima Fitness & Yoga, Personal Fitness Trainer & Yoga Teacher

**Sent:** Tuesday, April 21, 2020 8:31 AM

**To:** Alan Harrison; Chad Eliason; Debbie Cannon; Kevin Flynn; Louise Wallace-Richmond; Sylvia Lindgren; Tim Lavery; Carl Bannister; Erin Jackson

**Subject:** Online Form Submittal: Mayor and Council

## Mayor and Council

First Name Linda

Last Name Jack

Address:

Return email address:

Subject: Food sustainability in these times

Body I have thought this before and this year it seems more than ever a directive I feel the City should be exploring. As much as the planters of flowers look beautiful, think of the vegetables and herbs that could be grown in them. Maybe the City is already on board with this and I'm not aware but if not it would be a step in a sustainable direction.

Would you like a response: Yes

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# Secwépemc Landmarks | Letter of Request



To the Mayor

and Council of the City of Salmon Arm,

The Secwépemc Landmarks partners presented to the City of Salmon Arm Council on June 25, 2018, where Council issued a letter of support for the Secwépemc Landmarks Proposal, donated \$1,500.00 to the Secwépemc Landmarks Proposal, and authorized the placement of a sculpture at Marine Peace Park at a location to be determined.

City Council also approved our request for the installation of the storyboards, trailhead markers, 3 Landmark sculptures on trail systems within the City of Salmon Arm jurisdiction at the March 23rd Salmon Arm Council meeting.

We are currently working on a Heritage BC: Heritage Legacy Fund (Heritage Awareness stream) grant to support funding the coordination, community engagement, technical design and publication of the storyboards. This grant will match our costs up to \$10,000 and is due on May 20<sup>th</sup>.

As the City of Salmon Arm is one of the funders of the Secwépemc Landmarks Project, we are writing to request:

- A. A Letter of Support from the City of Salmon Arm for the Shuswap Trail Alliance to apply on behalf of the Secwépemc Landmarks partners to the Heritage BC: Heritage Legacy Fund (Heritage Awareness stream) grant.

We thank you for your consideration and support of this project.

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Shelley Witzky, ALIB Councillor;  
Libby Chisholm, Project Coordinator/Storyboard Assistant  
Jacob 'Sutra' Brett, Technical Lead

The Secwépemc Landmarks partners gratefully acknowledge the financial support of the Province of British Columbia, the three Secwépemc Bands: Adams Lake Indian Band, Neskonlith Band, and Splatsín, Shuswap Tourism, the Shuswap Trail Alliance, and the City of Salmon Arm.

**From:** Technical Safety BC <[communications@technicalafetybc.ca](mailto:communications@technicalafetybc.ca)>

**Sent:** April-09-20 10:15 AM

**To:** Carl Bannister <[cbannister@salmonarm.ca](mailto:cbannister@salmonarm.ca)>

**Subject:** Remote assessments during COVID-19

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Due to our mandate, Technical Safety BC has been identified as an [essential business](#) to oversee the technical safety system, as well as the health, and well-being of British Columbians during the state of emergency relating to the COVID-19 pandemic.

To fulfill our mandate, we are taking additional precautionary measures to protect you, our community, and our employees from the spread of COVID-19. To that end, assessments will now be conducted remotely rather than in-person, which will allow us to continue operations in compliance with the recommendations made by the BC Government and health experts.

As partners in the safety system, we are asking for your support in this new approach to remote assessments by:

- sending us the required documents, photos, and videos that will be requested by your local safety officers; and
- actively responding to phone calls and emails.

At this time, physical assessments will only be conducted when we determine them to be critical to the safety system. Our safety officers will be reaching out to all sites who have inspections scheduled to set up the new process and support them through the next steps.

We will be sending out further details on how remote assessments will be carried out for specific technologies within the coming week.

For ongoing COVID-19 information, we are regularly publishing updates on [our website](#).

If you have any questions, please email us at [contact@technicalsafetybc.ca](mailto:contact@technicalsafetybc.ca) with the subject line "COVID-19: Remote assessments".

Thank you for your commitment to *Safe Technical Systems. Everywhere.*



[www.technicalsafetybc.ca](http://www.technicalsafetybc.ca)

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April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020

From: Heather O'Hara – Executive Director  
BC Association of Farmers' Markets (BCAFM)

To: Mayors, Councilors & Regional District Officials

**RE: Farmers' Markets are Essential Services under BC State of Emergency**

Dear Mayors, Councilors and Officials,

The BC Association of Farmers' Markets is sending this letter on behalf of our 145+ member farmers' markets which operate in each of your communities across BC. Please share this information with relevant municipal and district staff and stakeholders.

*As recognized by the BC Centre for Disease Control and Provincial Health Officer, on March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020 the Ministry of Health designated farmers' markets as essential food and agriculture service providers. Farmers' markets are exempt from the mass gathering order: however, they must comply with physical distancing requirements.*

BCAFM and BCCDC continue to work together as our farmers' markets modify their operations to ensure the health and safety of consumers, market organizers and vendors across BC. The most current guidelines and restrictions on the safe operations of farmers' markets can be found on the BCCDC website and this farmers' markets landing page:

<http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/covid-19/community-settings/farmers-markets>

Since the outset of the COVID-19 crisis, BCAFM and each one of our member markets have been proactive and demonstrated great leadership in your communities. Please visit the BCAFM website for our response to COVID-19 and see how all the ways farmers' markets are responding:

<https://bcfarmersmarket.org/bcafm-covid19/>

Like always, your market organizers and vendors are resilient and taking concrete steps to ensure your local community has access to local food. Furthermore, the livelihoods of your local farmers and food vendors rely on farmers market as a critical and vital direct sales channel to local customers to sustain their livelihoods and directly support your local economy. Right now, we are seeing the demand for local food in your community is increasing daily at our markets.

#### **BC Farmers' Market Online Initiative**

BC Farmers' Markets Online is a new e-commerce initiative launched by BCAFM and member markets in response to COVID-19 to support member farmers' markets of the BC Association of Farmers' Markets. This online e-commerce platform enables farmers' market vendors to sell their products through their new farmers' market online store, *in addition* to their modified



physical market locations on the ground. Each market is unique in its operations, and BC Farmers' Markets Online will reflect this diversity. For example, each market may vary in how products are delivered or picked up and how they manage their online store in addition to and as a complement to their physical markets. Participation in BC Farmers' Markets Online is voluntary and does not necessarily replace a physical market. Additionally, for various reasons individual markets may determine not to develop an online market for the moment.

Visit the **BC Farmers' Market Trail website** to find and promote your local farmers' market and to determine which markets have now launched their online stores. Check back often as we expect **80+** markets to offer an additional online store feature for their local customers across the province this season in addition to their physical market locations which continue to be a food retail channel and critical pick up and distribution point supporting this e-commerce initiative.

**BC Farmers' Market Trail** <https://bcfarmersmarkettrail.com>

### **BC Farmers' Market Nutrition Coupon Program**

As you may know, each year BCAFM together with participating farmers' markets deliver the BC Farmers' Market Nutrition Coupon Program in participating communities with funding support from the Ministry of Health and Provincial Health Services Authority. In 2019, this program delivered **\$1.4M** in farm, fresh food to over **15,000** pregnant women, seniors and low income families in your community and across BC directly from your local farmers' market. BCAFM is adapting this program to work with modified participating farmers' markets on the ground and online for the 2020 season. In order for this program to operate in your community, your farmers' market must continue to operate in 2020.

### **Municipal & Regional District Support**

Farmers' Markets are doing their part. Municipalities and regional districts can do your part to ensure local food is available and accessible. Together we can do this now and for the future.

- First and foremost, allow your farmers' markets to operate.
- As markets modify their operations, be flexible, administratively efficient and supportive of changing space and location requirements for the sake of local customers and market organizers. This includes providing new, additional or different spaces for your market to operate.
- Provide access to handwashing and washroom facilities.
- Provide access to underused equipment, infrastructure eg; barricades, pylons, ropes and other equipment and infrastructure markets can use on the ground to manage market spaces.
- Provide financial support. You should know that as all markets are required to modify their physical operations and are limited to food only vendors, their operating revenues are greatly reduced. Conversely, the work and time required of market organizers to modify markets and build their online store has been dramatically increased.
- Provide municipal in kind staff and volunteer support on the ground to market organizers.





- Market and promote your local farmers' market as an essential place for residents to purchase food locally and sustain your farmers and food entrepreneurs.

### **Reach Out**

As always, we encourage our member farmers' markets to reach out to their municipal and regional districts. We invite you to do the same and reach out to your local farmers' market organizers and see how you can lend a hand.

Your farmers' markets need your support today more than ever. Working together we will ensure access to local food in your community today and tomorrow.

Sincerely,

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Heather O'Hara  
Executive Director  
BC Association of Farmers' Markets

# COVID-19 INFORMATION UPDATE



**For Immediate Release | April 18, 2020**

## **Alberta outbreak may affect workers in Interior Health region**

On April 15, Dr. Deena Hinshaw, Alberta's Chief Medical Officer of Health, reported an outbreak of COVID-19 at the Kearl Lake oil sands project, north of Fort McMurray.

To date, 12 people connected with this work camp have tested positive for COVID-19.

Many residents in the Interior Health region travel to work camps in Alberta for employment and that there is potential for transmission between communities and between our provinces.

IH medical health officers recommend that people who are contacts or potential contacts from this site self-isolate for 14 days from their last exposure to the site or to their flights home.

As well, anyone in the community who experiences signs of illness, such as a fever or dry cough, immediately self-isolate for 14 days.

In all communities across IH, we need to assume the COVID-19 virus is present and stay home as much as possible, practise physical distancing, and wash our hands frequently with soap and water to prevent the spread of the illness.

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March 27, 2020

Dear Community Partners,

During this time of uncertainty, the Community Development Institute (CDI) at the University of Northern British Columbia would like to express our support to communities around BC. This is a challenging time for all; where normal patterns of community and social interaction have been interrupted. While physical distancing is necessary - community and social support and solidarity are vital.

To support communities, the CDI is creating a space where communities can share their creative and innovative ways of ensuring that people are staying connected. In using our Facebook page as a platform for sharing these ideas, we hope to provide a resource for all communities and organizations to share, learn, and communicate!

We invite you to share stories and information about what is happening in your community to help people stay connected and be supported. Let's come together to spread good ideas and hope.



Don't forget to follow us on  and  to share your stories and read about what others are doing too!

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