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CITY FACILITIES RE-OPENING FOR FULL PUBLIC ACCESS JULY 12, SOME SAFETY PROTOCOLS CONTINUE

The City of Campbell River is preparing to more fully re-open facilities to the public by July 12.

“We’re getting ready to fully open the doors now that we have the green light from the provincial government that it’s safe to move to the next stage of the BC Restart Plan,” says city manager Deborah Sargent. *“We’re eager to welcome people back into our facilities and to serve you at our front counters again beginning July 12.”*

The City’s re-opening plan has been developed in alignment with the BC Restart Plan, updated public health orders and WorkSafe BC direction.

Some public health precautions will remain in place, including:

- Protective plexi-glass barriers at front counters
- Masks recommended in facilities, especially for people who have not been fully vaccinated

“Because people will be expected to stay home if they feel unwell or have been exposed to someone with cold or flu symptoms, we will continue to offer alternative ways to provide City services for people who can’t attend in person,” Sargent says.

Facilities to be fully opened again include:

- City Hall
- Community Centre (the COVID-19 vaccination clinic will continue to be hosted in the gym)
- Dogwood Operations
- Downtown Safety Office
- Fire Halls
- Rotary Community Fieldhouse
- Sportsplex

Specialized safety plans will be in place for:

- Campbell River Airport (YBL)
- Centennial Pool
- Police and Public Safety Building

“We anticipate that in-person Council meetings will fully resume by early October at the latest,” Sargent adds.

City-owned facilities run by non-profit tenants (such as the Maritime Heritage Centre, Tidemark Theatre, museum, art gallery, library and animal pound) will set their own re-open plans.

Some access to City facilities was available throughout most of the pandemic.

“City facilities were fully closed briefly at the beginning of the pandemic, but once we installed plexi-glass safety barriers, a number of departments were able to maintain in-person service,” Sargent says. *“Along with most outdoor spaces, the airport, RCMP detachment and Downtown Safety Office continued to offer public access, limited by new safety protocols, as did the City’s the finance department, and recreation facilities. People were also able to access in-person service by appointment at our development services counter, and our economic development team continued some in-person interaction to support local businesses as they adapted to the pandemic.”*

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