

VQC OPENS EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTRE & FOCUSES ON ESSENTIAL SERVICES

The Village of Queen Charlotte (VQC) is engaged in planning activities with the CHN and the other local governments on island to be proactive in minimizing health and safety risks on Haida Gwaii, as well as managing and mitigating any potential COVID-19 impacts in our municipal facilities and operations. As of today, we have opened our Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) at Level 1 (for communication and coordination purposes) and our focus will be on providing essential services. This includes water/sewer, roads, garbage collection in parks, fire response/road rescue, and cemetery services.

Therefore, effective immediately, we are closing our Village office to the public until further notice. We will still be available by email and phone for emergencies. Please contact Ben Greenough at publicworks@queencharlotte.ca or 250 637 1781 for public works emergencies or Lori Wiedeman at cao@queencharlotte.ca or 250 637 1782 for administration inquiries.

We believe that our office closure is part of our obligation to protect the health and well being of our employees, the community, and members of the public – particularly the elderly and those most vulnerable to this virus. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause as we adapt to this evolving situation.

Future communications regarding the COVID-19 pandemic will be coordinated through the CHN virtual Joint Incident Command; which we are participating on. We continue to advise all residents to follow the guidelines from the Centre for Disease Control, wash your hands, stay home and save lives.

Lori Wiedeman, CAO