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Press Release – For Immediate Release

Rossland, BC –Update to Temporary City of Rossland COVID-19 Operations (effective March 23, 2020)

The Province of BC declared a state of Public Health Emergency on March 17, 2020 and a Provincial State of Emergency was declared on Wednesday, March 18, 2020 in respect to the global COVID-19 pandemic. Both activities have resulted in the City needing to further actively plan and adjust its current operations. Therefore, in addition to the previous implementation of new policies and procedures introduced earlier this week, please be advised that effective next week, the City will now be implementing the following additional temporary measures:

- **Continuation of City Core Services Only**

Business continuity and delivery of core municipal services that includes the **operations and maintenance of current assets and utility infrastructure (including garbage and recycling services) & general corporate, planning & development and financial services** will be the primary focus.

The City's Public Works and Operational crews will be split into two shifts starting next week in order to help ensure the City has operational redundancy when/where applicable and increase internal social distancing measures by minimize human-to-human contact.

City Hall staff will be transitioning to remote work locations when/where operationally applicable. A core group of staff will be remaining "on site" at the temporary location on Leroi Avenue in order to conduct core corporate/planning & development/financial services, respond to emergency events and participate or conduct emergency operations when/where required (the City has been receiving information and updates from both provincial and regional emergency response partners). Additional spacing of current workstations and/or varied working hours for these staff members will also be initiated. All measures noted above are to increase social distancing measures and minimize human-to-human contact as much as possible.

Due to the day-to-day uncertainty of the COVID-19 Pandemic, the above-noted temporary measures will be completed in accordance with any Government of Canada or Province of British Columbia notice(s), order(s) and/or restriction(s) that may currently (or will be) in effect during the time of operational activity. The City may be required to change or alter the services accordingly. Any significant change to future City operations will be advertised and/or communicated as soon as practical with the current means available.

For those looking for further information on these temporary actions and initiatives, please contact City Hall at 250-362-7396 to be re-directed appropriately. We apologize for any inconvenience these necessary short-term undertakings may cause to either residents and/or visitors to our City.

City of Rossland