



## **DECLARATION OF STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY RESOLUTION**

### WHEREAS

- A. The World Health Organization has declared the transmission of COVID-19 a pandemic; and
- B. On March 17, 2020 a Public Health Emergency was declared under the British Columbia *Public Health Act*, RSBC 2008 c 28 in response to the COVID-19 pandemic; and
- C. As a consequence of the provincial declaration of a public health emergency, on March 18, 2020 a Provincial State of Emergency was declared under the *Emergency Program Act*, RSBC 1996 c 111 rendering the COVID-19 Pandemic an 'emergency' within the meaning of both the *Public Health Act* and the *Emergency Program Act*; and
- D. The statutory geographical boundaries of the Central Coast Regional District being electoral areas A, B, C, D and E include the communities of Ocean Falls, Wuikinuxv Nation/Rivers Inlet, Heiltsuk Nation/ Bella Bella, Denny Island, Nuxalk Nation /Bella Coola, Hagensborg, Firvale and all unincorporated resident areas therein; and
- E. The Nuxalk Nation has declared a State of Local Emergency in its traditional territories, the Heiltsuk Nation is discouraging non-residents from entering into Heiltsuk traditional territories, and the Wuikinuxv Nation has activated its emergency operations; and
- F. The *Emergency Program Act*, RSBC 1996 c 111, authorizes Regional Districts to make declarations of a state of emergency; and
- G. The Central Coast Regional District ("CCRD") currently has NO confirmed cases of COVID-19 and may be situated by its geographic remoteness to prevent the transmission of COVID-19 into the Central Coast Regional District; and
- H. The population of the CCRD has a high population of seniors, persons with pre-existing health conditions and persons living in overcrowded housing who are statistically more vulnerable to the pandemic; and
- I. The CCRD must take immediate action to prevent the imminent introduction and transmission of COVID-19 into the Regional District and throughout each of its Electoral Areas, while ensuring the continued operation of essential services and the delivery of goods and supplies.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY

1. The Board of Directors of the Central Coast Regional District hereby declares a state of local emergency as existing in each of its electoral areas [being CCRD electoral areas A, B, C, D, and E]; and

GENERAL RESPONSE POWERS

2. The Central Coast Regional District, its employees, servants and agents are empowered pursuant to Section 13 (1) of the *Emergency Program Act* to do all acts and implement all procedures that are considered necessary to prevent or to alleviate the effects of the emergency; and

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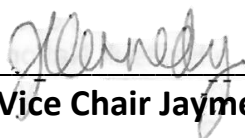
3. The CCRD State of Local Emergency shall remain in force for seven days until March 29, 2020 at midnight unless cancelled by the CCRD or the Minister responsible.

RESOLVED BY

As resolved unanimously this Sunday, March 22, 2020 at 10:15 am by the Board of Directors of the Central Coast Regional District.

  
Chair Samuel Schooner, Area E

  
Director Travis Hall, Area B

  
Vice Chair Jayme Kennedy, Area C

  
Director Daniel Bertrand, Area A

  
Director Lawrence Northeast, Area D