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Local government administrative offices to close at end of day until further notice

Duncan, BC – In an ongoing effort to maintain the health and safety of its employees and the public, the Cowichan Valley Regional District is closing its administrative offices at 175 Ingram Street at the end of the day.

This action is being taken in coordination with the CVRD member municipalities of Ladysmith, Duncan, North Cowichan and Lake Cowichan, each of which is also closing its administrative offices to the public.

All those CVRD staff who are able to work from home will be doing so effective tomorrow, and a select number of staff will remain working from the Ingram Street offices in order to ensure essential service delivery and coordinate the Regional Emergency Operation Centre.

Core land use services, including building inspection, development planning and bylaw enforcement will attempt to deliver service to the public in a limited capacity. There will be limited intake of new building permit and development applications for the foreseeable future, and CVRD staff will focus efforts on processing existing applications.

All recycling centres and solid waste collection will continue to operate with minor modifications to protect public and staff contact, but will be subject to staff capacity going forward.

Revised contact information for administrative services will be shared with the public as it becomes available, both through the CVRD website, CVRD social media channels and local media outlets.

The CVRD apologizes for the inconvenience these actions will inevitably create, and asks the public to practice patience and understanding as we make every effort to adjust our operations to these exceptional circumstances.

For more information on our response please visit the [COVID-19 Information](#) page on the CVRD website. Any members of the public who may be experiencing symptoms and require screening information are encouraged to call 1.888.COVID19 to speak with public health staff.

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