

From: [Sather, Kelly ENV:EX](#)
To: [Hrenyk, Alyssa ENV:EX](#); [McColl, John-Michael GCPE:EX](#); [Hume, Claire LASS:EX](#)
Cc: [Sanford, Donna L GCPE:EX](#); [Shoquist, Sarah ENV:EX](#)
Subject: RE: Meeting Request - ENV Legislation
Date: February 6, 2020 5:50:11 PM

Hi all –

I suggest that we schedule this for Monday the 10th, a phone call can be arranged if needed.

-Kelly

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Subject: RE: Meeting Request - ENV Legislation

Hi again,

Kelly has asked for this to be an in-person as well.

Claire, can you share your availability first for this one? Then Sarah can find a slot that works for DMO staff.

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Subject: Meeting Request - ENV Legislation

Hi Kelly,

As discussed we would like to schedule a staff-level meeting between ENV and the Green Caucus on proposed amendments to the Environmental Management Act.

Kelly, if you feel the proposed changes are relatively straightforward and could be easily conveyed in a phone call with Green Caucus staff, let us know as that may be the most efficient approach. If not, I hope you will help us to schedule an in-person meeting as follows:

Timing:

- 30 Minutes
- By February 15

Attendees:

- Claire Hume, Green Caucus
- Kelly Sather, Minister's Office
- ENV Ministry Staff (TBD by Kelly)
- JM McColl and/or Donna Sanford, CASA Secretariat

Location

- Room 028

A reminder that legislation is not shared at these meetings.

Please do not hesitate to call if you have any questions or if there is anything I can do to help.

Cheers,

JM

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From: [Furstenau.MLA, Sonia](#)
To: [Sather, Kelly ENV:EX](#)
Subject: Re: SIA update
Date: February 17, 2020 10:22:34 AM

Hi Kelly,

Thanks for reaching out.

I've shared your email with Sonia and her Executive Assistant.

All the best,

Kayla Brent

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From: Sather, Kelly ENV:EX <Kelly.Sather@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: Friday, February 14, 2020 2:48 PM
To: Furstenau.MLA, Sonia
Subject: SIA update

Good afternoon –

I am reaching out from Minister George Heyman's office in Victoria to connect and offer a briefing on the status of the landfill close at the South Island Aggregates site.

It is our office's hope to be able to provide a joint briefing to the Malahat Nation, the CVRD and MLA Furstenau on the afternoon of Friday, February 21st. In attendance will be myself from Minister Heyman's office and our Ministry of Environment deputy minister Mark Zacharias, as well as Ministry of Environment regional director AJ Downie and executive director Tessa Graham. Unfortunately Minister Heyman has a commitment in his constituency in Vancouver and won't be able to attend.

Please let me know if next Friday afternoon works for MLA Furstenau. We will host this meeting in Duncan.

If you have any questions or if I can be of any further assistance, I am available on my cell at 250-888-5930.

Thank you,
Kelly

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From: Sather, Kelly ENV:EX
To: Furstenau, MIA, Sonia LASS:EX
Cc: Lindsay-Baugh, Anna ENV:EX
Subject: SIA website update
Date: February 25, 2020 9:13:54 AM

Good morning –

Sharing the following link with the updated SIA website:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/environment/air-land-water/site-permitting-compliance/sia>

Thank you,
Kelly

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From: Hume, Claire
To: Sather, Kelly ENV:EX; Pivnick, Evan V IASS:EX
Cc: McColl, John-Michael FIN:EX
Subject: Re: BC Parks service
Date: March 20, 2020 1:49:31 PM

Hi Kelly,

Thanks for letting us know!

From: Sather, Kelly ENV:EX <Kelly.Sather@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: March 20, 2020 1:27 PM
To: Pivnick, Evan; Hume, Claire
Cc: McColl, John-Michael FIN:EX
Subject: BC Parks service

Hi –

Sharing our news release, which was just posted, about BC Parks status:
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020ENV0005-000519>

Sorry that this wasn't shared in advance through the usual channels – it has been a very fluid situation with conversations with parks operators. Parks operated by First Nations are being closed on a case by case basis; Maquinna Marine Provincial Park has been closed after conversations with Hesquiaht and Ahousaht.

Camping has been suspended at all parks, and reservations cannot be made going forward. Bookings from now until April 30 will be automatically refunded.

Please let me know if you have any questions, thank you!

Kelly

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From: [Sather, Kelly ENV:EX](#)
To: [Hume, Claire LASS:EX](#)
Cc: [McColl, John-Michael FIN:EX](#)
Subject: Park closures
Date: March 23, 2020 5:02:31 PM
Attachments: [IB BCParks and RSTBC Covid 19 park closures March 23 2020 3 PM V1 S.docx](#)

Hi Claire –

Just letting you know that tomorrow AM we will be announcing some park closures, including on the island - ŁÁU,WELNEW/John Dean Provincial Park, Spectacle Lake, Gowland Tod, Goldstream, French Beach, and Juan de Fuca. We heard from the CVRD around Spectacle Lake, and the closure of ŁÁU,WELNEW/John Dean came on staff's best thinking given that it is high use and the parking traffic spills into local neighbourhood making social distancing very difficult.

Please see attached NR going out in the AM. Parks will be closed over night.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,
Kelly

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NEWS RELEASE

For Immediate Release
[release number]
March 23, 2020

Ministry of Environment and Climate
Change Strategy
Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural
Resource Operations and Rural
Development

Province closing certain parks and recreation areas

VICTORIA – As part of the ongoing response to the COVID-19 pandemic, BC Parks continues to monitor the number of people visiting provincial parks and complying with the requirements of the Provincial Health Officer (PHO) to stay two metres apart while in the outdoors.

Parks throughout B.C. are seeing an increase in visitors, but many people are not complying with the PHO requirements and putting themselves and others at risk. BC Parks has heard concerns from the public, RCMP, First Nations, regional and municipal governments about the increase in visitors and is implementing full closures of certain parks throughout the province.

“The mental and physical wellness benefits of being outside during the COVID-19 pandemic response are important, but keeping people safe right now is the most important thing we can be doing,” said George Heyman, Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy. “Until we flatten the transmission curve of COVID-19 and people strictly comply with the PHO physical distancing requirement, provincial park access will be restricted.”

These closures are in addition to a previous suspension of services and facilities in provincial parks, including visitor centres, nature houses, washrooms, and day-use areas. In alignment with Parks Canada, all campgrounds are closed until April 30.

BC Parks will continue to monitor the COVID-19 outbreak closely and follow the direction and advice set out by the PHO and the Ministry of Health. Additional provincial park closures may be implemented on a case-by-case basis where required. People that still choose to visit provincial parks should be mindful they are responsible for their own safety and that washroom facilities will not be available.

The potential of future closures will be assessed on a case by case basis. For status updates, please continue to visit the BCParks.ca website at <http://BCParks.ca>

In addition to the BC Parks closures, the Recreation Sites and Trails BC (RSTBC) branch of the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development is also closing its campgrounds and amenities in response to the COVID-19 situation.

RSTBC campgrounds are generally located in remote areas and accessed by gravel forestry roads.

These recreation sites provide basic facilities: potable water and electricity are not provided. The temporary closure includes facilities in all RSTBC campgrounds where there is an

increased likelihood of close contact with frequently touched surfaces, including toilets, kiosks, ticket booths, overnight shelters and day-use shelters. Backcountry trails will remain open, including snowmobiling and Nordic ski trails. The facilities accessed by these groups will also remain closed.

Some campgrounds may remain open and will be determined on a case-by-case basis.

For status updates on RSTBC campgrounds, visit <http://www.sitesandtrailsbc.ca>

Learn More:

For recommendations on protecting yourself and your community from COVID-19, and to use an online self-assessment tool visit: <http://www.bccdc.ca/>

For non-health information on COVID-19 call 1 888 COVID-19 or visit www.gov.bc.ca/covid19

A backgrounder follows.

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BACKGROUNDER

The following provincial parks will be closed immediately in response to the Provincial Health Officer's requirement to maintain a two-metre separation when in public to reduce the risk of transmission of COVID-19:

West Coast:

- Juan de Fuca Provincial Park (includes China Beach, Sombrio Beach and Botanical Beach)
- French Beach Provincial Park
- Goldstream Provincial Park
- ŁÁU,WELNEW/John Dean Provincial Park
- Gowlland Tod Provincial Park (closure restricted to McKenzie Bight and Tod Inlet)
- Spectacle Lake Provincial Park

South Coast:

- Joffre Lakes Provincial park
- Porteau Cove Provincial
- Murrin Provincial Park
- Shannon Falls Provincial Park
- Chilliwack Lake Provincial Park

Okanagan:

- Skaha Bluffs Provincial Park

North:

- Liard River Hot Springs Provincial Park
- Ancient Forest/Chun T'oh Whudujut Provincial Park

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From: [Furstenau.MLA, Sonia](#)
To: [Lo, Reamick ENV:EX](#)
Subject: Re: Idea for BC Parks campground openings during COVID
Date: May 10, 2020 11:05:55 AM

Thanks for the information, Reamick!

As I always work from home, you can reach me in the future through ^{s.22} The office number works too, it just means someone else in the office has to see the message before it gets passed on to me :-)

Cheers,

Kayla Brent

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From: Lo, Reamick ENV:EX <Reamick.Lo@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: Thursday, May 7, 2020 8:38 AM
To: Furstenau.MLA, Sonia
Subject: RE: Idea for BC Parks campground openings during COVID

Hi Kayla,

I left you a voice message and emailed you on May 3rd. As you may already know, the Premier announced the BC restart plan yesterday including information on parks reopening. The Province will reopen most provincial parks, recreation sites and trails for day use on May 14, 2020. Starting June 1, 2020, most campgrounds and recreation sites throughout the province will reopen. For your information, please visit https://news.gov.bc.ca/files/BG_Parks_and_Sites_and_In-Class_Learning.pdf

We are still telling people to avoid all non-essential travel. We need to continue taking precautions as we ease off the restrictions gradually.

Thanks again.

Warmly,

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Sent: May 2, 2020 6:07 PM
To: Lo, Reamick ENV:EX <Reamick.Lo@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Fw: Idea for BC Parks campground openings during COVID

Hi Reamick,

I hope you're still doing well despite everything that's going on.

I wanted to get in touch with you regarding the reopening of BC Parks. Some constituents have been reaching out to us about this issue and are asking whether the Ministry is planning on applying any restrictions on who can visit the parks upon their initial opening. I guess what I'm asking is whether there will be any stages in the opening up of BC Parks or if all of them will be opened up at once to all members of the public? The constituent below proposes that camping in BC Parks be restricted initially to people who reside within the same region as the park. I imagine that is too logistically challenging, but figured I'd mention it to give you an idea of what we're hearing.

All the best,

Kayla Brent

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From: s.22

Sent: Saturday, May 2, 2020 11:11 AM

To: Furstenau.MLA, Sonia

Subject: Idea for BC Parks campground openings during COVID

Hi Sonia,

I hope this email finds you well and I thank you for all the great work that you do.

With camping season just around the corner and BC Parks currently shut down due to COVID I thought that I might share an idea with you in regards to opening the BC Parks Campgrounds.

Would it be possible to restrict the use of BC parks to certain populations? For example, Vancouver Island Parks would be for the exclusive use for Island residents for the time being. Or Kootenay Parks open to that health district, Northern BC to that health district etc.....

This would limit the spread of the disease and it would also give folks the opportunity to explore their own area rather than travelling further afield. It would also limit Ferry travel from the mainland to the island and vice versa. And it would also limit fuel consumption.

Thank you in advance for considering my idea.

Kind regards,

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From: [Sather, Kelly ENV:EX](#)
To: [Furstenau, Sonia](#)
Subject: Re: Reports from CHH site
Date: June 3, 2020 3:12:21 PM

Thanks for your email - I am working with staff to respond.

-Kelly

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 2, 2020, at 1:00 PM, Furstenau, Sonia ^{s.17}

wrote:

Good afternoon,

It's been brought to my attention that the April 30th report from the CHH site does not include water sampling results – could you please let me know why this is the case, and when the sampling results will be made available online?

https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/environment/air-land-water/site-permitting-and-compliance/sia/spo/chh-status_report-april_30_2020.pdf

https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/environment/air-land-water/site-permitting-and-compliance/sia/spo/chh-status_report-april_15_2020.pdf

Thank you,
Sonia

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