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## City closes public playgrounds

With community safety top of mind, and following the advice of the Provincial Medical Health Officer, the City of Williams Lake will be closing all public playgrounds as of 5:00 pm Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020 until further notice.

"This is the latest step that the City is taking to ensure public safety and community wellbeing are at the forefront during the COVID-19 situation," said Gary Muraca, Director of Municipal Services. "We still have an abundance of parks, open spaces and trails that you can enjoy with your family while following proper social distancing requirements. We just want to reduce the possibility of individuals coming into contact with COVID-19 from high-touch surfaces such as playground equipment."

All public parks in the City of Williams Lake remain open at this time; this includes areas such as Scout Island and the River Valley Trail. We invite all residents to continue to enjoy our vast array of public parks, trails and natural spaces while following the required safety measures as directed by our local and provincial health authorities.

The City will update its residents as soon as any developments occur. For up-to-date information regarding the local response to the COVID-19 situation, with relevant links to current information, visit <a href="https://www.williamslake.ca/COVID-19">www.williamslake.ca/COVID-19</a>

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