

## Playgrounds and outdoor equipment now closed to public

(Penticton, BC – March 24, 2020) – Effective today through May 30, the City of Penticton and the District of Summerland have closed tennis courts, pickle ball courts, lacrosse courts, playgrounds, skate parks, sports fields, outdoor fitness equipment facilities and basket ball courts to support requirements for social distancing.

*Dog Parks, School play areas?*

"We continue to see large groups of people using these facilities, something that is in direct violation of the order to social distance from the Provincial Health Officer," says Penticton Mayor, John Vassilaki. "Through regular contact with our partners at all levels, the City of Penticton is doing its part to ensure our facility operations support the direction and advice being given. We have reached the point where the closure of many outdoor facilities is now in the best interest of everyone."

Residents are reminded that the order for social distancing directs citizens remain at home as much as possible, stay 2m apart when outside the home, limit errands and appointments and do not gather in groups.

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