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PORT ALBERNI PORT AUTHORITY UPDATE: COVID-19 (CORONAVIRUS)

The Port Alberni Port Authority (PAPA) has been closely monitoring the rapidly evolving COVID-19 (Coronavirus) pandemic. As always, the health and safety of its employees and the public it serves is our highest priority. We have been in regular contact with Transport Canada, which oversees Canadian Port Authorities, as well as listening to Canadian public health authorities. It is clear that all of us must do more in effort to stop the spread of COVID-19.

Therefore, effective immediately, we are making the following additional measures to those we announced on March 18, 2020:

- 1. Port Alberni Terminals:** We continue to adhere to Transport Canada regulations. Canadian Port Authorities remain open to facilitate trade and commerce in order to maintain our country's vital supply chain of goods. There is a process and heightened awareness to minimize the risk of transmission of COVID-19 that may be present among any vessel's crew that may dock.
- 2. Main Office:** Except for essential staff, All PAPA employees that normally work from the main office, located at 2750 Harbour Road, are working remotely. Therefore, access to the office by the public is now restricted. If you need to reach any of our management team, please visit www.portalberniportauthority.ca/en/management for their direct contact points. General inquires may be made by contacting the office by calling 250-723-5312 ext. 221 or by e-mail at info@alberniport.ca
- 3. Marinas Offices:** The offices for Clutesi Haven Marina, Fishermen's Harbour, Harbour Quay Marina and China Creek Marina remain open for business but with restricted access to the public. The gas dock at China Creek Marina remains closed. Please use the following contacts for any questions you may have about a particular marina:
 - clutesihaven@alberniport.ca / 250-724-6837
 - fishermensharbour@alberniport.ca / 250-723-2533
 - habourquay@alberniport.ca / 250-723-1413
 - chinacreek@alberniport.ca / 250-723-9812
- 4. China Creek Campground:** We join Parks Canada, Province of BC Parks, Alberni-Clayoquot Regional Parks, and others, by keeping China Creek Campground closed. China Creek Campground and park will remain closed until June 1, 2020. We do remain hopeful



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that everyone's measures to flatten the curve of the spread of COVID-19 will result in an opening prior to this date. However, we understand the need for our guests to make appropriate plans.

We will miss all of our guests but we look forward to seeing everyone back at China Creek Campground following the resolution of this global public health crisis. Rest assured that the campground, the creek, the Alberni Inlet, the Alberni Inlet Trail and all the other great scenery, activities and small businesses of our amazing community of Port Alberni will be here to welcome you again as soon as safe to do so!

For those wishing to submit moorage or lease payments they may do so by mailing or dropping off a cheque; by credit card via telephone at 250-723-5312 ext. 221; or by cash deposit in the main office mailbox at 2750 Harbour Road. For electronic transfer of funds please contact Leslie Martin at lmartin@alberniport.ca. Please provide your email address when making payment, by any method, as all receipts will be sent electronically. People may contact the main office by calling 250-723-5312 ext. 221 with any questions they may have.

We understand and share everyone's concerns during these unprecedented and uncertain times. PAPA is, however, certain that we will continue to do our best to protect the public health of our stakeholders and staff. We are all in this fight against COVID-19 together.

For more information about COVID-19 please visit the BC Ministry of Health website:
<https://www.healthlinkbc.ca/health-feature/coronavirus-disease-covid-19>

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