



STEP 1

Restoring Richmond Plan



COVID-19 Update

Richmond begins restoring amenities and services

The City is implementing the [Restoring Richmond Plan](#), a carefully planned step-by-step approach to re-opening services, amenities and facilities impacted by COVID-19. See [Affected City Services & Facilities](#) for current services and amenity information.

Starting Wednesday, May 20, the community began having access to a variety of amenities including bike and skate parks, outdoor basketball and volleyball courts and lacrosse boxes (with limited users and no organized games) and outdoor tennis courts (with one-on-one games only). Outdoor sports fields were also opened for recreational and passive use only, no organized games permitted. Indoor tennis courts and the West Richmond Pitch and Putt are also open, again with no organized competition allowed.

The Restoring Richmond Plan outlines five steps to restoring services. The City will closely monitor the success of Step 1 implementation to ensure users are adhering to the rules and practicing safe physical distancing guidelines. Community Ambassadors, (redeployed City employees), and Bylaws staff are patrolling parks and other areas to remind people of the rules and to reinforce the need for safety.

If Step 1 is successful, the City will move to Step 2. This will see expanded access to outdoor park amenities such as playgrounds and picnic tables, as well as access to more players on basketball and volleyball courts at one time. Some outdoor recreation programs such as Walk Richmond will be restored, outdoor fitness classes will be offered through some community recreation facilities, while Britannia Shipyards will reopen on a controlled basis.

Restoring access to playgrounds begins June 1. While restoring access to playgrounds was identified as a Step 2 action in the Restoring Richmond Plan, they are being reopened now in coordination with the Richmond School District to encourage play, physical activity, motor skill development and social interaction among children. Outdoor play has many benefits for children including improving balance, strength, coordination and confidence. No timeline has been set for other elements in Step 2 as of yet.

Steps 3 to 5 includes a staggered approach to reopening recreation facilities, outdoor swimming pools, arenas and some registered programs and services. No timeline for these steps has been identified.

On May 20, the Richmond Public Library also began a curbside pickup and book returns service at Brighthouse Library with plans to broaden that system to its other branches in the coming days.

Information on the timing of steps to reopen various service and amenities, as well as updates on further access and how to register, will be posted on the City's website at www.richmond.ca/covid19 as well as through its social media channels.

And a reminder that [Property Taxes](#) are due in Richmond on Thursday, July 2, and property owners in a position to meet the annual July 2 payment due date are encouraged to do so to help keep City programs and services in place to the highest level possible. While the property tax payment due date remains July 2, Richmond residents experiencing challenges due to COVID-19 have until Wednesday, September 30 to pay their taxes without penalty.

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Seniors Week

Celebrate virtually June 1-7

The City of Richmond and its community partners invite those 55+ years to participate in a full week of fun and engaging virtual activities to keep seniors and their families healthy, active and connected.

Don't miss the mayor's video on YouTube officially opening Seniors week in Richmond, along with over 13 activities to do at home including online fitness classes and the week-long virtual scavenger hunt with prizes.

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Find even more programs online including fitness classes!

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Doors Open Richmond Online

Take in Richmond's culture from home June 6-13

While nothing can replace face-to-face interactions, [Doors Open](#) is moving online in 2020 to offer Richmond a virtual opportunity to "come together". This online event will feature digital content that celebrates cultural diversity and promotes civic awareness from over 30 places of worship, cultural centres, ethnic and local businesses, as well as museums, heritage sites and civic spaces.

The Richmond Museum Society, in partnership with the City of Richmond, is thrilled to be able to present the event online and is thankful to its partners for adapting their activities under extraordinary circumstances. To participate in Doors Open Online, follow the Richmond Museum's Facebook, Instagram or Twitter accounts.

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Nature in Your Neighbourhood

Post your favourite nature photos on Instagram

Participate in the City of Richmond's Instagram campaign featuring local flora and fauna in your neighbourhood. Visit the [Richmond Parks Programs Instagram page](#) @cityofrichmondparks for photos of nature found in your neighbourhood. "Tag" @cityofrichmondparks from your own Instagram account. "Tag" @cityofrichmondparks from your own Instagram account. "Tag" @cityofrichmondparks from your own Instagram account. "Tag" @cityofrichmondparks from your own Instagram account.

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Kwantlen Farmers Market

Shop fresh every Tuesday afternoon through October 6

Visit this year's "food only" [Kwantlen Farmers Market](#) - open now! Operating as an essential service, as deemed by the BC Centre for Disease Control during the COVID-19 pandemic, the market is operating at Brighthouse Park to accommodate the required physical distancing for everyone's safety.

This weekly market showcases a rotating selection of vendors with local produce, fresh Okanagan fruit, SPCA certified chicken and eggs and freshly baked French breads and pastries.

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Save the Date

[FREE | Walk Richmond](#)
June 18

[FREE | Pride Webinar Series](#)
June 10, July 13, August 6

[FREE | Richmond Art Gallery Artist Salon Webinar Series](#)
June 30, 7pm

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