COVID-19

Dear Squamish Chamber Members,

We have been following closely the unfolding events surrounding COVID-19, with considerations for both our members and our internal operations. The situation is changing rapidly and updates will be shared through our newsletter, social media and on our specially created web page. Access here.

Considerations for Squamish Chamber members:

Keep Informed

- Please reference the most up-to-date information from the BC Provincial Health Officer, Health Canada and the World Health Organization (WHO)
 - Office of the British Columbia Provincial Health Officer provincial statements & resources
 - o <u>Health Canada</u> for Canada-specific travel advice, preparedness, & Canada's response
 - o World Health Organization for FAQs, Global Travel Advice & Situation Reports

Prevention

- Thinking about our teams, please reference the information above and observe and communicate the recommended protocols:
 - o Frequent handwashing and covering your face when coughing/sneezing
 - Stay home if sick (and create a culture where this is encouraged)
 - Leverage technology and consider remote work for your team where possible
 - Social distancing

Business Operations

• The Canadian Chamber of Commerce has created a Pandemic Preparedness Guide, with resources to help businesses. <u>Access Guide</u>.

Raise Your Voice

• The BC Chamber of Commerce network is urgently seeking your input around current and future impacts to businesses. Your feedback will be sent to the provincial and federal governments to inform how they can help businesses mitigate and recover. Complete the survey here.

What this means for the Squamish Chamber:

- The Squamish Chamber will continue to operate and share messaging / services for businesses.
- The team are working remotely, where possible, but are still accessible via email admin@squamishchamber.com
- We are assessing all our upcoming events and meetings, exploring options for teleconferencing and alternative dates, as appropriate.

Thank you,

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