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City Park Ambassadors, Bylaws and Police Will Be Active Over Holiday Weekend

Maple Ridge, BC: City Park Ambassadors will be out in the community over the long weekend to ensure social or physical distancing practices are being followed and facility closures are being respected.

The BC Government has closed Provincial Parks sending a strong message to deter non-essential travel to BC recreation properties. While the skate park, playgrounds, sports fields and courts are closed, local green spaces remain open allowing for family walks to decompress and stay healthy. Citizens are asked to ensure their dogs are on leash at all times and to refrain from using any closed facilities. If a local park is crowded, you are encouraged to go to another location or walk around your neighbourhood.

“We stand united with Dr. Henry to stop the spread of COVID-19 across BC. The actions and decisions each of us take in the coming days and weeks will determine how long these measures remain in place. I know that with the great weather and long weekend the temptation to ease up on what we are all doing will be there, but we need to stay strong and remain close to home as much as possible,” said Mayor Morden.

“Park Ambassadors have the ability to call on the Bylaws Department and RCMP for reinforcement, if necessary. We hope that people will be considerate and continue do their part. As the Premier and Minister Dix have said - Let’s bend the curve and not bend the rules. Stay strong, stay healthy and stay committed. We’ve got this,” he concluded.