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Rogers, City cancel Hometown Hockey tour events due to coronavirus concern

Based on advice to limit large gatherings due to public health concerns about the coronavirus, Rogers Sports & Media has announced they will cancel all remaining Rogers Hometown Hockey Tour stops this season, including the one in Campbell River on March 21 and 22.

The City of Campbell River has also cancelled related events leading up to the weekend festival including Pop-Up Hockey, and the events on March 20.

“We know a lot of people were looking forward to this event and will be disappointed about the cancellation, but public health is the most important factor in a situation like this,” says deputy city manager Ron Neufeld. “The City has been monitoring the situation closely and taken steps to do our part locally to help limit the spread of the virus. Given how popular this event would have been, and the potential for concern around large gatherings, we understand that, unfortunately, it’s necessary to cancel.”

The City of Campbell River and Strathcona Regional District have made the decision to cancel locally-organized events such as pop-up hockey, the Friday afternoon events at Spirits Square and the free swim and skate at Strathcona Gardens.

Sportsnet’s national broadcast of Rogers Hometown Hockey featuring the Winnipeg Jets vs. Dallas Stars on Sunday, March 22 will now be produced from the NHL on Sportsnet studio and will continue to profile local hockey stories from Campbell River.

Doing our part locally to limit the spread of coronavirus

The City is working to:

- Help limit the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19)
- Continue to provide essential community services
- Increase cleaning and installing hand sanitizer products at its facilities.

To limit the potential spread of the virus, employees and community members are advised to:

- Increase frequency of hand washing and avoid touching their face.
- Maintain social distance (consider stopping handshaking and hugging)
- Stay home if they feel sick.
- Self-isolate and contact the B.C. Nurse Line at 8-1-1 if they are concerned they might have been exposed to or contracted the coronavirus.
- Seek immediate medical attention if they have a fever, cough or difficulty breathing.

To ensure the City is fully informed and prepared, representatives participate on the provincial health and emergency teleconferences.

Find current information at: www.bccdc.ca

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