



Musqueam Indian Band PUBLIC ADVISORY



Restricted Access to MIB IR #2

For Immediate Release

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Musqueam Territory, Vancouver, BC – Canada

After careful consideration and discussion, the Musqueam Indian Band has made the decision to close our community to non-residents and non-essential service providers effective immediately, and until further notice.

Respectfully, we ask all non-residents to not attempt to access Musqueam Indian Reserve #2. Members of the public will be turned away. Only MIB members and resident leaseholders, essential services, and staff will be permitted access. This will not impact essential services to residents of Musqueam Indian Band or those returning home.

This is to protect the health and safety of MIB members and local residents by reducing pathways for the COVID-19 virus to come into our community. We ask that the general public and business community respect our decision with regard to mitigating the impact of this health crisis, especially Elders and others who are particularly vulnerable.

The past few weeks have been challenging for us all as we navigate through the current COVID-19 pandemic. We appreciate your full cooperation as we move forward in the best interests of health and safety, during this difficult time.

Together, we can save lives.

About Musqueam

The x^mməθk^wəyəm (Musqueam) are a proud and unified people. We have been here as long as there has been land to live upon. Musqueam people have lived in the Fraser River estuary for thousands of years. Musqueam asserts the right to govern ourselves, for the benefit of all generations of our people, and exercise that right to develop a sustainable, self-reliant, vibrant community that is built upon the historical and traditional values of our community.

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