

District of Oak Bay Service Overview -- Current Operations

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	Normal Service	Increased Service	Reduced Service	No Service		
1 Communicate with Public and other Agencies	●					Administration
2 Respond to Requests for Service			●		District offices have been closed to the public. The public can access services by calling or emailing. Relocations and renovations are happening at Municipal Hall. The District remains here to serve you. Please contact us by: email at info@oakbay.ca or by phone at 250-598-3311.	All
3 <i>Communicate with Council</i>		●			Mayor is receiving daily updates from staff. Mayor is communicating with Council weekly. Council updates from staff as required.	Administration
4 <i>Prepare Council Meeting Agendas</i>	●				Regular Council meetings are being held online.	Administration
5 Certifying Copies and Documents			●		Residents can call for an appointment.	Administration
6 <i>Receiving Corporate Documents on behalf of Municipality</i>	●					Administration
7 Prepare Council Meeting Minutes	●					Administration
8 Prepare Statutory Reports (Annual Report etc.)	●				Staff will meet legislated timelines.	Administration
9 Endorse Foreign Pension Documents and Certificates of Proof of Life			●		Residents can call for an appointment.	Administration
10 Manage Deer Population	●				Urban Wildlife Stewardship Society (District's contractor) will continue to provide services.	Administration
11 Manage Municipal Properties (leased/rented out)	●					Administration
12 Prepare non-Statutory Reports (Corporate Plan, 30 report, Strategic Plans etc.)	●				Reports are being processed on normal timelines.	Administration
13 Engage the Public			●		Project-specific in-person community engagement has been suspended to protect staff and public health and to redeploy communication resources to supporting emergency response. District will use Connect.OakBay to engage on individual projects.	Administration
14 Provide Archive Services			●		The archivist is available by phone and email as the Archives, and Municipal Hall remain closed to the public.	Administration
15 Issue Block Party Permits				●	Permits are not being issued so as to protect public health.	Administration
16 Execute Documents on Behalf of Mayor and Council	●					Administration
17 Create and Amend Bylaws	●					Administration
18 <i>Maintain Corporate Records</i>	●					Administration
19 <i>Provide Administrative Support</i>	●				Administrative support will continue, but timelines for service may be extended.	All
20 <i>Develop Staff</i>			●		Staff are not attending in-person or offsite training sessions, but are taking advantage of online opportunities.	All
21 Enforce Bylaws			●		Bylaw enforcement is focussing on health and safety issues and building activities without permit. We are unable to respond to complaints related to minor bylaw infractions at this time.	Building & Planning
22 Inspect Buildings	●				Building inspections will continue. Appointments can be booked by phone or email. Site inspection practises changed to provide for social distance and staff protective gear. https://www.oakbay.ca/municipal-services/building-inspection/building-permits	Building & Planning
23 Issue Business Licenses	●				Issuance of business licenses will continue. Appointments can be booked by phone or email. Procedures modified to receive applications and issue business licenses electronically.	Building & Planning
24 Develop Land Use Policies	●				Development of land use policies continues. See https://www.oakbay.ca/municipal-services/planning for details.	Building & Planning
25 Process Development Applications			●		Planning information is available by phone/email. Appointments can be booked by phone or email. Staff will process electronically submitted subdivision, rezoning or variance applications as staffing and Council meetings permit. https://www.oakbay.ca/municipal-services/planning/zoning-land-use-applications https://www.oakbay.ca/municipal-services/planning/subdivision	Building & Planning
26 Control Domestic Animals			●		Responses to complaints or disputes may be delayed.	Building & Planning and Strategic Initiatives

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27 <i>Provide Corporate Leadership</i>	●					CAO
28 Hold Council Meetings	●				Regular and special Council meetings are being held virtually. Public can participate virtually as per Procedures Bylaw provisions. Public can submit written correspondence. Public can phone in input at Council meetings. See Oak Bay website for details.	Council
29 <i>Clean Municipal Buildings</i>		●			Cleaning protocols in place. Refocused janitorial services and increased cleaning by staff.	Engineering & Public Works
30 Maintain Municipal Buildings	●					Engineering & Public Works
31 Collect Solid Waste (garbage, recycling and composting)	●				Public Works offices are closed to the public, but services can be accessed through phone or email. Waste transfer station is open.	Engineering & Public Works
32 Maintain Storm Drains and Ditching	●					Engineering & Public Works
33 Maintain Water Systems and Sanitary Sewers	●					Engineering & Public Works
34 Assess Sewer Main Condition	●					Engineering & Public Works
35 Assess Storm Main Condition	●					Engineering & Public Works
36 Collect Yard Waste	●					Engineering & Public Works
37 Conduct Traffic Counts (speed & volume)	●					Engineering & Public Works
38 Connect Storm/Sanitary/Water Service	●					Engineering & Public Works
39 Maintain Sidewalks	●					Engineering & Public Works
40 Maintain Street Lights	●					Engineering & Public Works
41 Manage Transportation Network (incl. road signage, traffic signals etc.)	●					Engineering & Public Works
42 Plan for Infrastructure	●				Staff are catching up on pandemic delays from early in 2020.	Engineering & Public Works
43 Provide Electric Vehicle Charging Station	●					Engineering & Public Works
44 Rehabilitate Roads	●					Engineering & Public Works
45 Rehabilitate Sewer	●					Engineering & Public Works
46 Replace Catch Basins	●					Engineering & Public Works
47 Replace Storm Drain/Sewer Utility Holes	●					Engineering & Public Works
48 Replace Storm Mains	●					Engineering & Public Works
49 Construct Bikelanes	●					Engineering & Public Works
50 Construct/Replace Sidewalks	●					Engineering & Public Works
51 Install Bus Shelters	●					Engineering & Public Works
52 Install Curb Drops	●					Engineering & Public Works
53 Install Fire Hydrants	●					Engineering & Public Works
54 Maintain Bikelanes	●					Engineering & Public Works

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55 Remove Snow and Ice from Roads						Engineering & Public Works
56 <i>Provide IT Services</i>					IT services have been shifted to support work from home and EOC.	Finance and Technology
57 <i>Manage Budget and Control Expenditures</i>						Finance and Technology
58 <i>Manage Treasury, Investments and Cash Flow</i>					Daily cash flows being monitored more closely due to reduced cash flows and increased expenses.	Finance and Technology
59 <i>Insure municipal properties/equipment and process claims</i>						Finance and Technology
60 <i>Process Payroll</i>						Finance and Technology
61 <i>Prepare Financial Reports</i>						Finance and Technology
62 <i>Enforce Parking Regulations</i>						Finance and Technology
63 <i>Issue Dog Licenses</i>					On-line service or appointment for in-person service.	Finance and Technology
64 <i>Issue Utility Bills</i>						Finance and Technology
65 <i>Manage municipal finances</i>						Finance and Technology
66 <i>Process Accounts Payable</i>						Finance and Technology
67 <i>Process Accounts Receivables</i>						Finance and Technology
68 <i>Process Property Taxes and Homeowner Grants</i>						Finance and Technology
69 <i>Procure Services</i>						Finance and Technology
70 <i>Read Meters</i>						Finance and Technology
71 <i>Provide First Responder Medical Assistance</i>						Fire
72 <i>Provide Emergency Incident Response / Manage Emergencies / Preserve Public Order</i>						Fire
73 <i>Fight Fires</i>						Fire
74 <i>Prevent Fires</i>					Inspections will be conducted only on high and medium risk occupancies. Others will be delayed to reduce exposure risk.	Fire
75 <i>Prepare for Emergencies</i> (mitigation and recovery from emergencies incorporated as part of various services)					Public education sessions have been cancelled. Exploring opportunities for virtual options.	Fire and Strategic Initiatives
76 <i>Ensure health & safety of staff</i>					The District is implementing best practise measures and any Island Health recommendations to protect staff and volunteers.	HR
77 <i>Manage Human Resources</i>					HR has amended policies to allow/guide work from home. Increased focus on well-being and providing normal/enhanced service levels. Demand on HR services has increased dramatically, thus reducing overall service levels on core services and implementation of HR Plan initiatives.	HR and Finance
78 <i>Support Committees and Commissions</i>					Staff are working to resume Volunteer boards/committees/commissions meetings in accordance with safety protocols/plans. Orientation meetings are underway using electronic platforms.	Multiple
79 <i>Build, Maintain & Operate Playgrounds</i>					Playgrounds are open. Usage must adhere to provisions as signed.	Parks and Recreation Services
80 <i>Deliver Recreation and Cultural Programs</i>					Programs that are able to meet Provincial guidelines are being offered with reduced numbers.	Parks and Recreation Services
81 <i>Install & Maintain Public Art</i>					Art pieces were installed in August 2020 and will remain in place until August 2021. There will not be a new call for installations in 2021.	Parks and Recreation Services
82 <i>Maintain Boulevards</i>					Normal maintenance activity taking place	Parks and Recreation Services

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83 Maintain Parks Furniture					Making repairs as required - still open to the public.	Parks and Recreation Services
84 Maintain Public Washrooms					Public washrooms in parks remain open and are being maintained.	Parks and Recreation Services
85 Maintain Recreation Facilities						Parks and Recreation Services
86 Manage Removal & Replacement of Trees					Addressing tree issues as normal	Parks and Recreation Services
87 Operate Recreation Centres (Henderson, Oak Bay, Monterey)					All Centres are open with reduced hours, reduced activities and reduced numbers of patrons. Services have been adjusted to ensure compliance with Public Health Orders requiring that spin, hot yoga, and high intensity aerobic activities be temporarily suspended. In an abundance of caution, the following programming changes and suspensions are effective. All indoor and outdoor adult team sport activities happening at Oak Bay Parks, Recreation and Culture facilities are suspended until further notice. This includes basketball, martial arts, hockey, soccer, rugby and volleyball. Indoor racquet sports (tennis, pickleball, badminton) may continue for singles play only. Outdoor racquet sports are available for double play. Adult group lessons are suspended until further notice. All higher intensity fitness classes such as indoor cycling have been suspended indefinitely. The following programs and services are canceled from March 30 to Monday April 19: All group fitness programs including low intensity classes such as yoga, pilates, stretch and strength, fitness fusion, low intensity jazzercise at all OB Centres – Oak Bay Recreation Centre, Henderson Recreation Centre, Monterey Recreation Centre, Windsor Pavilion and the Neighbourhood Learning Centre; Aquafit classes at the Oak Bay Recreation Centre pool. Participants will be contacted regarding their specific activities. All activities for individual participation are by pre-registration for work out sessions in the fitness studios or length swimming in the pool, or ice skating. Please check our website and/or call the Oak Bay Recreation Centre at 250-595-7946 before heading out to your activity. From March 30 to April 19, the Sportsview Lounge at the Oak Bay Recreation Centre will be closed and The Fern Café at Monterey Recreation Centre will be closed to indoor seating, however, the Fern Café/Monterey are still offering takeout and frozen food options as they have been throughout the pandemic.	Parks and Recreation Services
88 Plan, Design, Construct and Maintain Natural Areas					Normal volunteer activity with Safety Plans in place.	Parks and Recreation Services
89 Plan, Design, Construct, Maintain and Operate Parks						Parks and Recreation Services
90 Plan, Design, Construct, Maintain and Operate Sports Fields					Playing fields available for youth sport activity.	Parks and Recreation Services
91 Plan, Design, Construct, Maintain and Operate Playing Courts					Sport courts available for activity.	Parks and Recreation Services
92 Respond to Ad-hoc Parks Calls for Service						Parks and Recreation Services
93 Issue Special Events Permits					Only events that meet Provincial guidelines and that have controlled attendance are being considered. At this point no events or gatherings are allowed.	Parks and Recreation Services
94 Respond to calls and conduct resulting investigations						Police
95 Proactively Enforce Laws						Police
96 Prevent Crime (incl. community policing, public education and community outreach)						Police
97 Investigate Collisions						Police
98 Investigate Criminal Offences						Police