



March 19, 2020

**Statement from Ray Gauthier, CEO of Coast Salish Group, regarding the COVID-19 pandemic**

On March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020, the World Health Organization (WHO) declared coronavirus (COVID-19) a pandemic, forcing everyone to rethink how they interact with the world. This is a unique and very dynamic situation in which we all share responsibility to mitigate the risk.

Coast Salish Group, the economic development arm of the Stz'uminus First Nation, sees the well-being and health of our employees, customers, and the public as our top priority. As part of our corporate social responsibility, we have created Response Plans that will be implemented in a phased approach, as the situation evolves. We will provide updates as we implement our Response Plans.

We encourage you to follow the provincial and federal information on how to stay safe and healthy. Let's work together.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ray Gauthier". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Ray Gauthier  
CEO, Coast Salish Group