

## **INFO RELEASE** FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## Richmond Amateur Radio Club offers annual Basic Qualification Radio Course from Feb. 8 to Mar. 14, 2020

**Richmond, B.C. (Jan. 10, 2020)** - The Richmond Amateur Radio Club (RARC) will be offering its annual Basic Qualification radio course starting on Saturday, February 8, 2020 with classes in the Vancity Blundell Branch 'Community Stage' (boardroom) at Blundell Centre.

The course consists of five Saturday morning classes from 9 AM to 12 noon with the exam on the sixth Saturday, March 14, 2020. This course prepares students for the Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada (ISED) Basic Qualification Level Operator Certificate exam to operate on allocated Amateur radio frequencies.

A registration fee of \$100 for the course includes about 18 hours of classroom instructions, course study guide (text book), instructors' notes, course exam, and call sign registration with ISED upon passing exam. Students successfully completing the course will each receive a one-year trial membership with RARC.

Radios courses offered by RARC serve the following purposes:

- Introduce new individuals to the Amateur radio hobby,
- Qualify volunteers to provide Amateur radio communication services to support local community events and emergency communications, and
- Generate interest in becoming a member of RARC and the Amateur radio community.

RARC has been successfully graduating students into the Amateur radio hobby, with many operators becoming active participants in Amateur radio activities, supporters of local community events and volunteers with emergency community organizations.

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**About the Richmond Amateur Radio Club** – RARC is a registered BC Society to promote the interests of Amateur radio, assist in the provision of communication services in the event of an emergency, and provide radio communication for public service events as requested. RARC supports Emergency Management BC by its members volunteering with local municipal emergency preparedness organizations, has an agreement with the Gulf of Georgia Cannery Society, and is affiliated with Radio Amateurs of Canada. RARC programs are partially funded by grants from City of Richmond and Province of BC, private donations, and in-kind contributions from local businesses.

Additional information about RARC is located at: **www.rarclub.ca** For more information about Field Day, contact:

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