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<u>Cancellation of June 20th Richmond Amateur Radio Club</u> <u>Swap Meet & Emergency Communications Display Event</u>

Steveston, Richmond, B.C. (May 25, 2020) – Due to current local public safety advisories and continuing lack of certainty on the future of the pandemic, Richmond Amateur Radio Club (RARC) regretfully decided to officially cancel it's planed Swap Meet & Communications Equipment Display event that's planned for June 20, 2020 at the South Arm United Church on 11051 No. 3 Road, Richmond, BC.

The Board of RARC has been monitoring the progress of the situation and felt that the present return to normal trajectory is not conducive to holding any sizeable public events in the coming months. The safety of the public in general, the local community and RARC members is paramount. There are no plans to postpone the event to a future date in 2020.

For the last three years, the RARC Swap Meet & Emergency Communications Display has brought together local Amateur radio operators and like-minded enthusiasts to exchange information on how Amateur radio can provide more effective emergency radio communication support for the community. The event also provides an opportunity for the general public to see how Amateur radio and emergency communications organizations from across the Lower Mainland play a role in the community's emergency preparedness.

RARC would like to thank Radioworld Central, ICOM Canada and South Arm United Church for their support in the initial planning of the event. Additional information about the Swap Meet & Emergency Communications Display and other RARC events is located at: www.richmondarc.ca

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About Richmond Amateur Radio Club – RARC is a registered BC Society of volunteers to promote the interests of Amateur Radio, assist in the provision of communication services in the event of an emergency, and provide communications for public service events as requested. RARC is a supporter of Emergency Management BC and City of Richmond Emergency Programs, and an affiliated club with Radio Amateurs of Canada. Programs for RARC are partially funded by grants from the City of Richmond and Province of British Columbia. Additional information about RARC is located on the club's main Web site at: www.rarclub.ca

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