

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF OKANAGAN-SIMILKAMEEN

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EOC Update: RDOS Electoral Area “C” Infrastructure Upgrades

Flood Recovery Team

The Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen Emergency Operations Centre (RDOS EOC) has established a flood and wildfire recovery team. The RDOS is constantly working to improve emergency preparedness processes and plans to respond to future emergencies. The intent of establishing a recovery team is to continue working through the challenges faced by people impacted by the 2018 spring freshet, as well as the 2018 wildfires.

The RDOS EOC is actively working to support impacted property owners and communities. If you require recovery assistance, please contact the RDOS EOC recovery team: 250-490-4225.

2019 Ongoing Response

As part of ongoing preparedness efforts, the RDOS EOC is working with various provincial ministries to develop a 2019 flood response plan. We’re holding weekly coordination meetings to establish trigger points, and confirm response works for impacted communities including the Sportsmens Bowl area. Over the coming weeks, you will continue to see work being done on drainage infrastructure upgrades in the area.

Infrastructure Upgrades

Since early 2018 and continuing through the spring of 2019, the Ministry of Transportation & Infrastructure (MoTI) has completed several drainage infrastructure upgrades across and adjacent to, public roadways in the following areas:

Reed Creek - Fairview Rd, Old Golf Course Rd, Chokecherry St, Sumac St, Highway 97, Road 6

Tin Horn Creek - Highway 97, Road 9

Kearns Creek (Willowbrook) - Johnson Crescent, Carr Crescent (east & west,) Meyers Rd

Park Rill Creek - Willowbrook Rd resident access, Willowbrook Rd, Yellowbrick Rd, Jones Way, Goldtau Rd, Secrest Hill Rd (currently under construction)

Victoria Creek - Secrest Hill Rd

Are You Prepared?

Coping with the stress of being out of your home during an Evacuation Order is easier if you have a plan.

- **Understand the risks** in advance, prepare and practice your family and business emergency plan
- **Prepare** a 72-hour emergency kit for your family and vehicle
- **Sign up** for **CivicReady** and receive information notification messages and updates

<https://emergency.rdos.bc.ca/civic-ready/>

“Property Owners are responsible for protecting their property.”

In British Columbia, property owners are responsible for taking the necessary steps on their property to protect their home and property from flooding, while government emergency programs focus on broader flood response measures.

Flooding

- Sand and sandbag locations will be listed on the RDOS EOC website
- If you require assistance with sandbagging, connect with your friends, family or volunteer organizations
- The RDOS does not deliver sand or sandbags to private residences or businesses
- Filled sandbags are not available from the RDOS

If you require sand or sandbags to prepare your property for flooding, visit the RDOS EOC website:

<http://rdos.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=576e8ee9797f41a7878b4e5258c64d5e>

RDOS EOC Sandbagging Video: <https://youtu.be/thZwVWyXjMQ>

Landslides

Get to know your terrain and waterways. The best way to prepare is to be aware of changes that could signal a landslide. Learn how to recognize landslide danger signs. Visit **PreparedBC** online.

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/emergency-preparedness-recovery/recovery/preparedbc/know-the-risks/landslides>

Wildfires

FireSmart is a shared responsibility. With a few simple steps you can contribute to increasing your property, neighbourhood and community resiliency to wildfire. Visit **FireSmart BC** online.

<https://firesmartbc.ca/>

Resource Material

You can also find resource material including tips on making your own Emergency Kit at the RDOS office (101 Martin Street, Penticton) and from municipalities throughout the region.

To learn more about **Emergency Preparedness**, please click the **resources** link on the RDOS EOC website:

<https://emergency.rdos.bc.ca/>

The Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen (RDOS) in partnership with the South Okanagan Real Estate Board has published a Homeowners' Resource Guide to living in the Okanagan as we adapt to climate change. The guide covers ways to prepare your property to be more resilient in extreme weather events.

Building Climate Resilience in the Okanagan – A Homeowners' Resource Guide – web link:

http://www.rdosmaps.bc.ca/min_bylaws/PublicWorks/Building_Resilience_Guidebook/SOREBRDOS.pdf

Remember to test, clean and replace batteries on your **Smoke Alarm** at least every six months.

For more information visit the RDOS website: www.rdos.bc.ca

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