



REGIONAL DISTRICT OF OKANAGAN-SIMILKAMEEN

INFORMATION RELEASE

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Evacuation Alert Issued for areas in rural Oliver

Under a Local State of Emergency for Electoral Area 'C', an Evacuation Alert has been issued in the rural Oliver area of Sportsmens Bowl Rd. The Oliver Fire Department is assisting in delivering notices to the 16 affected properties.

All residents and property owners that access their properties using Sportsmens Bowl Rd are advised that this road has the potential to be closed by the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure at the junction of Highway 97. Flooding is undermining Sportsmens Bowl Rd and may make it impassable. The RDOS does not know when this road closure may occur. Residents and property owners are advised to make alternative arrangements for parking of vehicles as soon as possible otherwise these vehicles may become trapped on Sportsmens Bowl Rd.

No other homes in the RDOS are presently under Evacuation Alert or Order at this time. The area of Willowbrook north west of Oliver remains under a State of Local Emergency due to flooding.

Affected residents will be given as much advance notice as possible prior to road closure or evacuation; however, residents may receive limited notice due to changing conditions.

WHAT YOU SHOULD DO WHEN AN EVACUATION ALERT IS IN EFFECT

Upon notification of an EVACUATION ALERT, residents should be prepared for immediate evacuation by:

- Locating all family members or co-workers and designate a meeting place outside the evacuation area, should an evacuation be called while separated;
- Gathering essential items such as medications, eyeglasses, valuable papers (i.e. insurance), cell phone charges and immediate care needs for dependents and, if chosen, keepsakes (photographs, etc.). Have these items readily available for quick departure;
- Preparing to move any disabled persons and/or children;
- Moving pets and livestock to a safe area;
- Arranging to transport household members or co-workers in the event of an evacuation order. Affected residents needing transportation assistance from the area can call the RDOS Emergency Operations Centre at 250-490-4225;
- Arranging accommodation for family members if possible. In the event of an evacuation, Reception Centres will be opened if required;
- Monitoring news sources for information on evacuation orders and locations of Reception Centres.

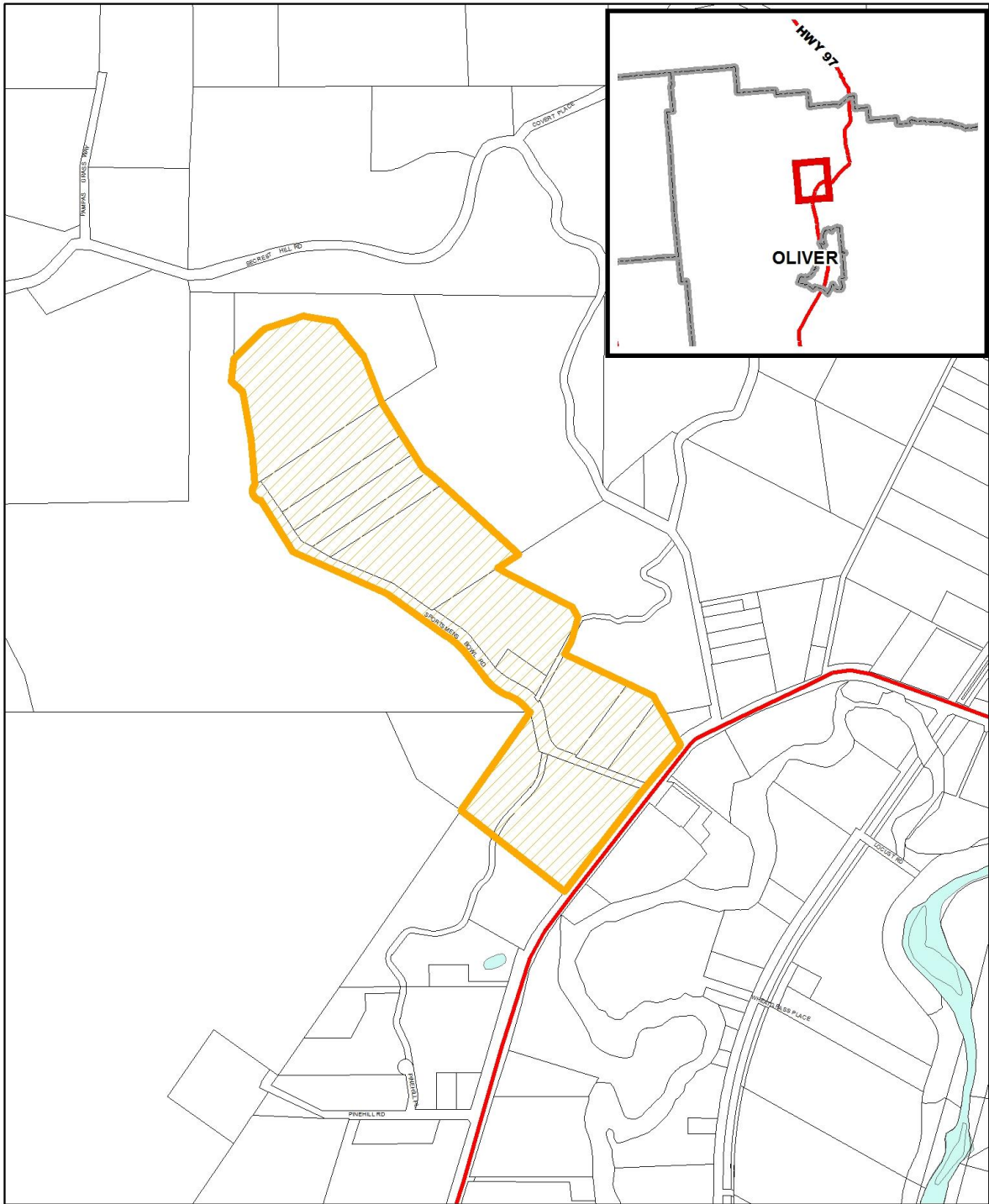
For more information please visit www.rdos.bc.ca, e-mail info@rdos.bc.ca, call 250-490-4225

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Electoral Area 'C' - North of Oliver

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