



Flood Recovery Update

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Disaster Recovery Program (DRP) Applications for Financial Assistance

The Disaster Recovery Team for Mackenzie County urges all homeowners, landlords, renters and businesses to start the DRP application process now. This is how you get a case manager assigned by the Disaster Recovery Program (DRP) who can guide you through the process.

The DRP provides financial assistance to qualifying homeowners and residential tenants for uninsurable loss and damage caused by emergencies and disasters. The DRP helps return essential property to its basic, pre-disaster functional condition. DRPs are a final resort to assist after a disaster. You must access your own insurance options first. DRPs do not cover all types of damage or loss and may not cover the full cost of replacement.

Details are available at <https://www.mackenziecounty.com/disaster-recovery-program> with a link to the government site. If you need help completing the application, please book a time with an FCSS office.

Public Meetings

- Questions and answers from the virtual town hall on June 22 are posted on the County website in the Disaster Recovery section.
- The Disaster Recovery Team will contact the following to arrange small-group meetings:
 - Flooded business owner meetings will be held on **Friday July 10**
 - Flooded renter meetings will be held on **Friday, July 10**
 - Flooded homeowner meetings will be held on **Saturday, July 11**
- The Disaster Recovery Team will hold Hamlet meetings for Fort Vermilion **residents who were not flooded** on Tuesday, July 13 starting at 6 PM at the Fort Vermilion Recreation Complex. Due to COVID restrictions, we are asking that only one adult per household and no children attend.

Mitigation Options

The Disaster Recovery Team briefed Council last week on five long-term flood mitigation options it is discussing with DRP personnel.

1. Do nothing – rebuilding in place provides no short- or long-term flood prevention.
2. Build berms – extremely expensive, long-lead time and study process (Calgary is still waiting, and Fort McMurray wasn't finished when this year's flood arrived).
3. Elevate and reinforce buildings – changes the look of the community and the location/height of doors and windows and electric plugs and panels; doesn't always work.
4. Relocate buildings in the flood plain – potential loss of riverfront community lifestyle, splitting of the downtown, but a permanent flood solution
5. Natural measures – removes the energy of floods and ice by not fighting nature. Works best in areas where buildings and infrastructure have been removed. Also provide multi-use community park space that can be flooded without much damage.

These options and the initial outcomes from discussions with DRP personnel will be shared further in community meetings in July.

This Update is provided by the Disaster Recovery Team for Mackenzie County, and distributed on Friday. For more information and discussion, visit Facebook www.facebook.com/MackenzieCounty or our website www.mackenziecounty.com/disaster-recovery