



Flood Recovery Update

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Disaster Recovery Program (DRP) Applications for Financial Assistance

The Disaster Recovery Team for Mackenzie County reminds 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 application deadline is less than a month away on August 7, 2020.**

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 www.mackenziecounty.com/disaster-recovery/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 or contact the Métis Nation of Alberta Local 74 Office at 780-927-3788 or locally-situated Samaritan's Purse personnel at 780-880-0097

Public Meetings

- Questions and answers from the telephone town halls held on May and June 25 are posted on the County website in the Disaster Recovery section
- The Disaster Recovery Team (DRT) is holding small-group meetings with flooded business owners today, **July 10**
The DRT is holding small-group meetings with flooded homeowners and renters today and tomorrow, **July 10-11**
- The DRT is holding Hamlet meetings for Fort Vermilion **residents who were not flooded** starting **Tuesday, July 14** 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. If you are interested in attending this meeting, please phone the Mackenzie County office at (780) 927-3718 to register for a time slot.

- The DRT, Mackenzie County Council, and representatives from the Government of Alberta will be hosting an Open House at the at the Fort Vermilion Community Cultural Complex starting at **4:00 PM on July 21**. Due to COVID-19, we can only have 50 people in the room at one time so we will operate at maximum 20-minute intervals, but will stay open until the last interested resident has had a turn.

High Water – again!

Last Sunday, Alberta Environment & Parks notified us of a High Streamflow Advisory for the Peace River from the Dunvegan Bridge to Fort Vermilion. Water levels rose about 4.5 meters. The water levels have peaked and subsided since, but this serves as a reminder that “spring” flooding can extend into summer months during periods of higher than normal rainfall upstream like we’ve seen this year.

Disaster Recovery Plan

The DRT is working closely with the AB Emergency Management Agency (AEMA) to evaluate appropriate flood mitigation measures that will form the foundation for the formal Recovery Plan. We expect to be sending a formal letter to the Minister of Municipal Affairs requesting approval of the DRP funding that will allow us to pursue these measures to restore communities impacted by flooding.

Development Permit Restrictions

Development permits are currently restricted:

- Basement renovation permits are suspended until further notice
- No new development is currently permitted on vacant properties in areas impacted by the flood
- Additional restrictions may be imposed as the DRT develops the Disaster Recovery Plan.

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

