



Flood Recovery Update

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THE DISASTER RECOVERY TEAM

Samaritan's Purse returns Monday

Samaritan's Purse representatives Janet and Mike Voth will be back on-site in Fort Vermilion on Tuesday, August 4. Over the long weekend, they can be reached for advice on your DRP application or other Recovery matters by phone at (780) 880-0097 or via email at jvoth@samaritan.ca

Disaster Recovery Program (DRP) Application Deadline Extended

The Government of Alberta has extended the application deadline to September 6, 2020. The vast majority of flood-impacted Mackenzie County residents have already applied for DRP assistance.

The Disaster Recovery Team (DRT) reminds all homeowners, landlords, renters and businesses that this is how you get a case manager assigned who can guide you through the process.

Do you need help with your Disaster Recovery Program (DRP) application?

- Samaritan's Purse has local case workers on site in Fort Vermilion to support residents with their DRP applications. Contact them at (780) 880-0097 to make an appointment.
- Additional assistance is available from FCSS in La Crete (780-247-1680), Fort Vermilion (780-927-4340), High Level (780-821-4010), and the Metis Association #74 at (780-927-3788).
- The Canadian Red Cross will also be in Fort Vermilion next week. For application assistance please call: 1-800-863-6582 (Monday to Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.) or email: AlbertaDRPHelp@redcross.ca

Public Meetings

There are no Flood Recovery public meetings planned for next week. Mackenzie County, the DRT, and representatives of the Government of Alberta hosted an Open House at the Fort Vermilion Community Cultural Complex on Tuesday, July 21. Over the evening a total of 60 residents attended at various times to discuss flood mapping, Recovery planning and the DRP process. The DRT shared several panels regarding potential mitigation measures to prevent flooding in the future. These can be viewed at:

http://mackenziecounty.com/images/Documents/Flood_Recovery/FortVermilion_OpenHousePanels_200721_v2.pdf

Flood Mapping

Representatives of Alberta Environment and Parks (AEP) participated in the Mackenzie County Open House on Tuesday, July 21. They have published draft reports and flood maps from the new Fort Vermilion flood study and are seeking public input. For more information, please visit www.alberta.ca/fort-vermilion-flood-study-engagement.aspx

Development Permit Restrictions – UPDATE

Mackenzie County Council has approved an update to the development permit restrictions previously imposed for Fort Vermilion residences within the hamlet's floodplain zone.

Temporary development permits can now be obtained for the following repair work to basements:

- Insulation and vapour barrier on exterior walls,
- Insulation, sealing and sheeting dividing walls between multi-unit dwellings to meet Minimum Requirements,
- HVAC, plumbing, heating and electrical work to restore functionality to pre-flood functionality
- Temporary, unfinished walls to define bedrooms and bathrooms

No new development permits can now be obtained on vacant properties in areas impacted by the flood.

A copy of the approved policy can be found at:

www.mackenziecounty.com/disaster-recovery/repair-and-rebuild

Additional restrictions may be imposed as the Disaster Recovery Team develops the Disaster Recovery Plan.

If you have questions or wish to make an appointment to discuss your permit requirements, please contact us at (780) 927-3718.

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