



# Flood Recovery Update

## FOR MACKENZIE COUNTY

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THE DISASTER RECOVERY TEAM

### Samaritan's Purse

Samaritan's Purse representatives Janet and Mike Voth will not be on-site in Fort Vermilion from Friday, July 24 until Tuesday, August 4. However, Janet and Mike 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](mailto:jvoth@samaritan.ca)

### Two Weeks Until Disaster Recovery Program (DRP) Application Deadline

**The application deadline is August 7, 2020.** 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 Disaster Recovery Team (DRT) 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. Case managers were in Fort Vermilion this week to meet with residents, homeowners and businesses.

### Public Meetings

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. Representatives from the Alberta Government included Alberta Emergency Management Agency (AEMA) and Alberta Environment and Parks. AEMA representatives were on site July 21-23 to assist residents with their DRP applications and answer questions regarding application status and claims. Despite COVID-19 restrictions which only allowed 50 people in the room at one time, 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](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](http://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](http://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.

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