



EVACUATION ALERT

Cowichan Tribes Reserve Lands

January 2, 2021 | 12:00 pm

An Evacuation Alert has been issued by Cowichan Tribes First Nation at the Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) **to prepare you and your family to evacuate your premises or property should it be found necessary.**

River levels are rising quickly. Saturated ground and expected heavy rainfall may lead to flooding and limit opportunities to leave your homes safely.

Because of the potential danger to life and health, the Cowichan Tribes First Nation has issued an **Evacuation Alert** for the following areas:

- Quamichan west
- Clem Clem
- Wil'seem road
- Sahilton road
- Tyup road
- Joe road
- Green Point or Khenipson road

Please consider **leaving your home immediately** if your safety is at risk or if flooding is about to happen near you. Residents will be given as much advance notice as possible prior to a declared evacuation; however, you may receive limited notice due to changing conditions.

People with mobility issues are strongly encouraged to leave now and identify their transportation options. Accommodations options are available through Cowichan Tribes.

See map attached below.

WHAT YOU SHOULD DO:

- Stay safe! Keep away from fast flowing water and eroding riverbanks.
- Locate all family members and designate a meeting area outside the evacuation area, should an Evacuation Order be called while separated.
- Call **250-715-3339** to report flooding or questions about accommodations or transportation.
- Pack essential items such as government-issued ID, medications, eyeglasses, valuable papers (e.g. insurance, credit, and mortgage information), immediate care needs for dependents and, if time and space permits, keepsakes for quick departure.
- Prepare to move disabled persons, children and/or neighbours, if assistance is needed.
- Prepare to take pets with you and move livestock to a safe area (if possible).
- Arrange transportation for all your household members. Fill the gas tanks of personal vehicles. For **COVID-19 safety** please provide your own transportation. However, transportation options can be made available if needed.

- Arrange accommodation for all members of the residence, if possible.
- **Take COVID-19 precautions:** To keep our friends and family safe, avoid going to other homes in the community – local accommodations can be made available; bring masks and sanitizer and maintain distancing.
- Monitor Cowichan Tribes website, Facebook and Juice 89.7 FM for information on evacuation orders and accommodation options and other supports.

Further information will be issued regularly on Cowichan Tribes social media page (website and Facebook).

Chief William Seymour

