

We raise our hands and give Thanks to everyone for being patient as Cowichan Tribes (CT) leadership is working to access funding to assist members who were affected by the recent flooding.

The Flood 2020 Team is working remotely from home under the COVID-19 Pandemic and following the BC Health guidelines to ensure the communities safety. Rest assured we are doing the best we can to help our community members in this difficult time.

Early in the flood recovery, 115 flood-impacted homes were assessed. One family required temporary housing, however, many other community members moved back or remained in their homes. If you saw a red or yellow sign affixed to your front door, your home may have had water in its crawlspace or basement and/or had a septic issue due to the flooding. Flooding on the ground floor or crawl space can cause structural damage to your home. Moisture damage can also lead to a variety of health risks, including mold. Please check around your home to see if it was impacted by the flooding

Have you filled out your form for Financial assistance?

Through the **Disaster Financial Assistance (DFA)** community members are receiving funds to help assist with repairs for the flood damage on their homes.

- We strongly encourage members to apply and work with the Flood 2020 team to ensure we are assisting in finding funds for your home repairs.
- By working with our team, we can help with receiving quality repair done to your home, without your involvement we are unable to assist you financially.
- This project has also created an opportunity for CT to apply for further funding and build relationships to mitigate future flooding to prepare and protect the community from future flooding

DFA applications are available by phoning:1-888-257-4777 or www.gov.bc.ca/disasterfinancialassistance

On February 20, 2020 a community meeting was held at the Si'em Lelum Gym, partners in attendance were Emergency Management BC, Red Cross, First Nations Health Authority, Indigenous Service Canada, Cowichan Tribes flood 2020 Team and Acting GM Derek Thompson.

Important questions were asked about the families who live in high flood risk areas. Along with in important question of, is there a protection plan for L'uml'umuluts Longhouse?

All residents around L'uml'umuluts Longhouse are affected when it floods specifically ones connected to the septic field, what is the plans for the septic field?

All very important questions, and as CT establishes a permanent team to assist in planning, we will stay connected with the community about the future. It is important to know that each case is different from the next, your neighbor may or may not qualify for something and it is based on home Insurance as well as CT owned, CPP owned or Elders. We are working diligently to help provide all information to each member and hear everyone's concerns. We are looking forward to hearing from you!

Email to report flood damage or request assistance in addressing flood damage and/or your application.