



EVACUATION ORDER

Cowichan Tribes Reserve Lands

January 2nd, 2020 | 3:30 pm

Pursuant to Section 12 (1) of the BC *Emergency Program Act* / Chief and Council an **Evacuation Order** has been issued by Cowichan Tribes First Nation due to immediate danger to life safety caused by flooding.

Members of the RCMP and other emergency response agencies will be expediting this action.

The Evacuation Order is in effect for the following areas:

- Wil'seem road
- Sahilton road

See map below.

YOU MUST LEAVE THE AREA IMMEDIATELY

WHAT YOU SHOULD DO:

- Follow the safest travel route available. If you have a vehicle go to Oceanfront Suites at Cowichan Bay (1681 Cowichan Bay Rd). If you do not have access to your own vehicle for transportation and/or need to be closer to town, go to the Best Western Cowichan Valley Inn (6457 Norcross Rd).
- Someone from emergency support services will register you upon arrival.
- Shut off all gas and electrical appliances, other than refrigerators and freezers. Close all windows and doors. Close gates (latch) but do not lock.
- Gather your family. Do not use more vehicles than you have to.
- Check-in on neighbours or family members needing transportation. To prevent COVID-19, do not share vehicles between households.
- If you are in immediate danger and need assistance call **9-1-1**
- Take critical items (medicine, purse, wallet, and keys) only if they are immediately available. Take pets in pet kennels or on leash.
- Do not use the telephone unless you need emergency service.
- **Take COVID-19 precautions:** To keep our friends and family safe, avoid going to other homes in the community – local accommodations are available; bring masks and sanitizer and maintain distancing.
- If you need transportation or accommodation assistance call **250-715-3339**

We understand that flooding and temporary relocations can be challenging and we are here to support members. We are doing this to keep community members safe.

If you have any questions or need assistance, call the number provided (250-715-3339).

You can also call the Vancouver Island Crisis Line 1-888-494-3888 anytime if you need to talk to someone.

Further information will be regularly issued on Cowichan Tribes website and Facebook page.

Huy tseep q'u,



Chief William Seymour

Cowichan Tribes Chief and Council

