



REGIONAL DISTRICT OF OKANAGAN-SIMILKAMEEN

INFORMATION RELEASE

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Declaration of State of Local Emergency for Electoral Area "C"

The Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen Emergency Operations Centre (RDOS EOC) in consultation with the Province of British Columbia has declared a State of Local Emergency (SOLE) for **Electoral Area "C"**.

Due to the threat to life and safety, and ongoing property damage and remediation of natural creeks and access to property has to occur; and this flooding emergency requires prompt coordination of action or special regulation of persons or property to protect the health, safety or welfare of people or to limit damage to property.

The RDOS has maintained a State of Local Emergency in Electoral Area "C" since the spring of 2018, due to flooding that occurred, and the continued imminent risk of flooding in impacted areas. Due to the onset of a new fiscal year, the declaration is renewed to extend the previously declared State of Local Emergency.

This declaration shall remain in force for seven days until April 12, 2019 at midnight unless cancelled by order of Regional District of Okanagan Similkameen or the Minister responsible.

What does a Declaration of State of Local Emergency (SOLE) mean?

Declaring a state of local emergency enables local authorities (Regional Districts, municipalities) in the Province of British Columbia to utilize the emergency powers listed in the *Emergency Program Act*. The emergency powers are used by the local authority to order the evacuation of residents from their homes, prohibit travel and enter private property when an emergency threatens lives, property or the environment within the local authority's jurisdiction.

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