

# EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTRE (EOC)



## INFORMATION RELEASE

Sunday, May 31, 2020 5:30 pm

### EOC Update: Flooding in Electoral Area "B"

The Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen Emergency Operations Centre (RDOS EOC) advises that a State of Local Emergency (SOLE) has been declared in Electoral Area "B". Residents are likely to be impacted by flood waters and the threat to life and safety, and property damage exists. 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, its employees, servants and agents are empowered pursuant to Section 13 (1) of the *Emergency Program Act* to do all acts and implement all procedures that are considered necessary to prevent or to alleviate the effects of the emergency. Ordered by RDOS Chair Karla Kozakevich May 31, 2020 to remain in force for seven days until June 6, 2020 at midnight unless cancelled by order of RDOS or the Minister responsible. The RDOS continues to be in communication with the Lower Similkameen Indian Band (LSIB).

#### Evacuation Order Issued

Pursuant to the Emergency Program Act, an Evacuation Order has been issued by the RDOS due to immediate danger to life safety due to flooding along the Similkameen River in Electoral Area "B". Members of RCMP and Penticton Search and Rescue will be expediting this action. The Evacuation Order is in effect for 186 Chopaka Road. A map of the evacuation area is attached.

#### Evacuation Alert Issued

An Evacuation Alert has been issued by the RDOS due to the threat of flooding in Electoral Area B due to the potential danger to life, health, and property damage. The RDOS has issued an Evacuation Alert for the following properties:

1049	Chopaka Road
1050	Chopaka Road
1101	Chopaka Road

An Evacuation Alert has been issued to prepare residents to evacuate your premises or property should it be found necessary. Residents will be given as much advance notice as possible prior to evacuation; however you may receive limited notice due to changing conditions.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Karla Kozakevich".

Karla Kozakevich, Chair  
Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen

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## **WHAT YOU SHOULD DO WHEN AN EVACUATION ORDER IS ISSUED**

- You must leave the area **immediately**.
- Follow the directions of emergency responders and travel the designated or safest route available.
- Register as an evacuee at *the designated Reception Centre*.
- If you need transportation assistance from the evacuation, area contact the RDOS EOC.
  - If you identify as having extraordinary needs contact the RDOS EOC for assistance.
- Shut off all gas and electrical appliances, other than refrigerators and freezers.
- Close all windows and doors.
- Please store your Firearms in accordance with Section 118 of the Firearms Act.
- Close gates (latch) but do not lock.
- Gather your family and, if you have room, take a neighbor or someone needing transportation. Do not use more vehicles than you have to.
- Take critical items only if they are immediately available:
  - government-issued ID
  - medications
  - eyeglasses
  - valuable papers (e.g. insurance, credit, and mortgage information)
  - immediate care needs for dependents and
- Take pets in pet kennels or on leash.
  - Pet owners and hobby farmers with concerns for their animals should make arrangements when an Evacuation Alert is issued.  
Animal Emergency Response Team (ALERT) can help (250) 809-7152
  - Farmers who require assistance, please call the RDOS EOC.
- Do not use the telephone unless you need emergency service.

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## ***WHAT YOU SHOULD DO WHEN AN EVACUATION ALERT IS ISSUED***

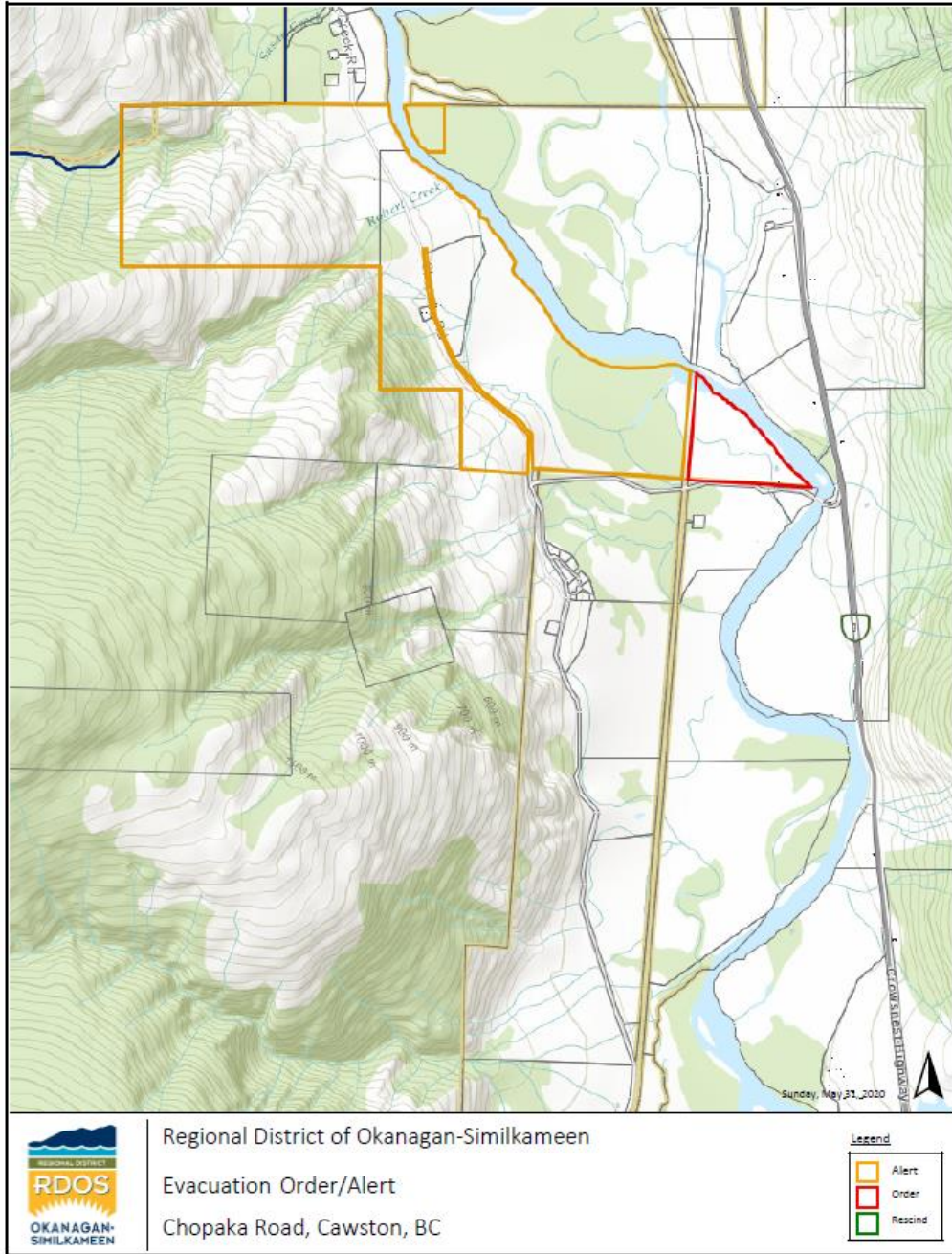
Upon notification of an **ALERT**, you should be prepared for the Evacuation Order: Locate all family members and designate a meeting area outside the evacuation area, should an Evacuation Order be called while separated.

Pack critical items listed above.

- Prepare to move disabled persons, children and/or neighbors, if assistance is needed.
- If you identify as having extraordinary needs contact the RDOS EOC for assistance.
  
- Prepare to take pets with you and move livestock to a safe area (if possible).
- For pet owners and hobby farmers with concerns for their animals  
Animal Emergency Response Team (ALERT) can help (250) 809-7152  
or email [info@alertcanada.org](mailto:info@alertcanada.org)
- Farmers who require assistance, please contact the RDOS EOC.
  
- Arrange transportation for all your household members.
- Fill the gas tanks of personal vehicles.
- If transportation assistance is needed, contact the RDOS EOC.
  
- Please store your Firearms in accordance with Section 118 of the Firearms Act.
- Arrange accommodation for all members of the residence, if possible.
- Wait for an Evacuation Order to be issued before evacuating.
- Monitor news sources including CivicReady.

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