



Okanagan Indian Band

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MEMBER BULLETIN

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Emergency Operations Centre

OKIB has been given the go ahead from Emergency Management British Columbia to open a Level 2 EOC (Emergency Operations Centre). This EOC will be much different from past EOCs that OKIB has been involved with, most notably with the flooding in 2017. At the moment, the EOC will have a limited scope and be only active for a few hours a day and focused on specific tasks related to:

1. Sourcing Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for Band health staff and OKIB firefighters and first responders and the necessary training for staff to wear the equipment appropriately.
2. Supporting the Community Services Department (Health and Social Development) in their efforts to support community in a safe manner with food delivery and health checks for vulnerable members.
3. Planning for longer-term scenarios around funerals and burials, food security, increased health services.
4. Keeping an eye on Spring freshet and the creeks as the snowpack melts.

Due to Chief and Council's decision to have outside support to ensure regular programs and services to members are maintained, the Incident Commander, Planning and Finance roles have been filled by extremely experienced consultants.

Incident Command Centre ROLES	
Role	Position in Community
Incident Commander	Paul Edmond – Red Dragon Consulting
Health Representative	Peter Vlahos
OKIB Admin Representative and Communications Lead	Michael Fotheringham
Community Spokesperson	Chief Byron Louis
Operations	Ken Cullen – Fire Department

Planning	Craig Moore – Rider Ventures Ltd.
Logistics	Dave Lawrence – Fire Department
Finance/Admin	Marnie Cuthill – Rider Ventures Ltd.
Worker Counsellor/Support	Gisele Duquette

The current scope of the EOC is for planning and to activate the Okanagan Indian Band Pandemic Plan. If the scope of the EOC changes, we will be sure to let the community know what they can expect.