



Okanagan Indian Band

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EOC Update

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FAQs surrounding events of yesterday's evacuation and info about pets

Members, there have been some questions surrounding the events of yesterday's evacuation, here's a few FAQ's:

Where is the road open to?

There seems to have been some confusion about the road closure status of Westside road. Initially the road was due to be fully closed, however at this point in time, **Local through traffic** will be permitted south bound, no stopping will be permitted. Northbound traffic however will be restricted within the Evacuation order area.

Is 6 mile evacuating?

The 6 mile area **above** the reserve was given an evacuation order, however that does not currently apply to properties in the six mile area on reserve. Properties in the area above reserve have been evacuated as a precautionary measure and we have been reviewing with BC Wildfire whether a change from alert to order would be necessary.

I'm within the evacuation order area but my address isn't listed?

The addresses on the Evacuation order may not be fully inclusive of all dwellings within the order area however, if you reside within the Evacuation order area in the southern portion of OKIB IR#1 then that Evacuation order applies to you.

The OKIB EOC is working in conjunction with BC Wildfire however due to heavy smoke and grounding of aircraft our update may be delayed. As a reminder to community the BC Wildfire Structural protection teams will be in community today and will begin setting up their base camp at Komasket and Protection equipment within the Order area. The OKIB EOC will continue to provide the community with the most up to date information as we receive it.

Structural Protection Teams in Community

Structural protection teams have now begun set up in community so do not be alarmed as you begin to see fire engines and response vehicles filtering into community.

RCMP conducting 24-hour patrols of evacuation area

The OKIB EOC has also received confirmation from Sgt. Thiessen from the Armstrong RCMP detachment that there are RCMP resources "conducting patrols in the area to supplement our frontline resources. These patrols are active 24 hours per day" to secure the Evacuation Order area.

The OKIB EOC continues to monitor the situation in conjunction with local government agencies and will continue to provide updates on the situation as we have access to them.

Emergency pet services

Our Emergency Social services has provided some information regarding emergency pet services which area available to evacuated members:

ALERT – Animal Lifeline Emergency Response Team – 250-462-8870 are able to provide Pickup and shelter and can also provide food for displaced pets.

Central Animal Hospital, Vernon 250-549-0402 will also be able to provide a limited number of accommodation spaces for 5 dogs and cats. They will be open Tuesday August 3.

For livestock

The following is a list livestock owners can contact to try to set up some temporary accommodation for their livestock:

Warren Smith IPE Exhibition Space for horses and small animals **250-546-3023**

Paul Britton Can offer a 1 acre pasture with water. It has no grass, Potential for a couple animals **250-241-0749** or **Pbritton78@gmail.com**

Don Wackerbauer CDART Help moving Livestock. **250-494-9609**

Bruce Cummings Sherrilee Franks O'Keefe Ranch Fenced Paddocks and the Riding Arena. Also, accommodate tenters if people need a space to tent in. **Contact Sherrilee by email sherrilee@keystone.pm**