



Okanagan Indian Band

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EOC Update

September 4, 2021

White Rock Lake fire update @ 4:00 PM

Way' OKIB community members, we have several updates and reminders for you today:

School bussing starts September 7

School bus service from IR#1 to area schools begins September 7 for members who are back living in their homes. Please see the attached bussing schedule.

For members who are **still evacuated** and are not living in their homes, please contact Kevin Smeltzer, OKIB School Liaison Coordinator, at **250-241-2442** or email school@okanagan.org. Kevin will help you arrange transportation for your children.

For anyone who will not be returning home right away and is still at Silver Star on Tuesday September 7th, 2021, we will be running a bus for students behind the Ski Club on Shorts Road. The bus will be picking up students at this location at 7:24am. If you are requiring bussing, please let Kevin Smeltzer know as soon as possible either by email school@okanagan.org or by phone/text at **250-241-2442**.

Also, mileage reimbursement is available for members that have to drive their children to school. The form will be posted to the Education website.

We appreciate your patience as we work coordinate transportation during this unusual time.

ESS supports

The ESS Reception Centre located at the Head of the Lake Hall will be operating now on a reduced schedule:

- Saturday Sep 4 10am to 2pm
- **Sunday Sep 5 CLOSED**
- **Monday Sep 6 CLOSED**
- Tuesday Sep 7 10am to 6pm
- Wednesday onwards to be determined

Members, you still have access to your hotel rooms tonight so please consider delaying your return until tomorrow.

Fridge and Freezer disposal

This information applies to all residents: If your fridge or freezer needs to be disposed of please call Ram Response Group at 1-855-238-9350. Be sure to tell them you live on OKIB land.

Be bear aware – and other animals too

Members, there are many animals in the area and human-animal encounters may occur. If you have an encounter with an animal please contact Dave Lawrence, Bylaw Officer, at 250-306-7027. Remember, deer can also be aggressive when protecting their young.

Water advisory for Six Mile / Bradley Creek water supply - DO NOT USE

Six Mile / Bradley Creek residents will maintain their current ESS supports until water quality is safe. OKIB members can read the advisory here: <https://okib.ca/news/water-advisory-do-not-use-six-mile-bradley-creek-community-water-system>

Water is Available from Public Works for Six Mile / Bradley Creek residents

Water is available for pick up from the Public Works office, 11505 Westside Road. Contact Jolene at 250-542-3444 or 250-309-7191.

Additional garbage disposal dates from DKE disposal

Garbage pickup is available for the weekend as requested by EOC and PWH. Garbage pickup will be on the following days starting at 8:00 am.

- Saturday Sept 4th, 2021 starting in the North end of OKIB and making its way south to the lifted evacuation order area.
- Sunday Sept 5th, 2021 starting in the North end of OKIB and making its way south to the lifted evacuation order area.
- Monday Sept 6th, 2021 starting in the North end of OKIB and making its way south to the lifted evacuation order area.

NOTE: the route traveled will include: Round Lake, Irish creek, and HOL.

Tuesday will be OKIB regular pick up as per schedule. Additional pickups to be scheduled once evacuation order is lifted for other areas.

Non-member residents should contact their regular garbage pick-up provider for information.

Good Food Boxes for Members

Members are invited to stop by the BlueBird building Sunday 10 AM to 2 PM to pick up a return-home hamper with good food and many useful items. Quantities are limited.

Cleaning kits from Red Cross

Band members who have returned home can stop by Head of the Lake Hall Sunday 10 AM to 2 PM to pick up their cleaning kits courtesy of the Red Cross. Non-members can contact the Red Cross to pick up your own cleaning kits. The kits contain many useful items that you may need including broom, brush, sponges, cleaners, gloves, safety glasses, garbage bags and more. Quantities limited.

OKIB EOC to close to 2 days

For the first time since July 27, 2021, the OKIB EOC will be closed for two days to give staff some time to recover and in some cases move back to their homes. We will reopen Tuesday, September 7. The Emergency Operations Centre phone line **will** be monitored.