

CITY OF CHILLIWACK

EVACUATION ALERT – POTENTIALLY COMPROMISED ACCESS

This **EVACUATION ALERT** is a notification of the POTENTIAL danger which might arise due to flooding. Although your residence may be at a higher elevation, access to/from your property on Old Orchard Road may be cut off due to rising water levels on the Fraser River this coming weekend. This could also prevent emergency services from accessing your property if an emergency were to occur.

The BC River Forecast Centre has predicted that water levels on the Fraser River will rise this coming weekend. Their models provide two different scenarios, ranging from 6.0m to 6.45m at Mission Gauge by Sunday, July 3, 2022 (the Mission Gauge water level is 5.6m as of June 29). For the Old Orchard Road area, the predicted water levels are approximately 0.5m to 1.0m higher than current Fraser River water levels in that location. Water levels may rise again late next week due to rainfall in the Fraser River watershed, but there is considerable uncertainty. More information is available at chilliwack.com/floodprotection or by calling the City at 604.793.2757.

Because of the potential for impacts to life and property safety, the City of Chilliwack has issued an EVACUATION ALERT for the following properties:

- 7848 Old Orchard Road
- 7850 Old Orchard Road
- 7878 Old Orchard Road
- 8050 Old Orchard Road
- 42532 Old Orchard Road
- 42721 Old Orchard Road

Upon notification of an ALERT, you should be prepared for an evacuation order by:

- Organizing an emergency supply kit with necessary prescription medications, personal toiletries, a change of clothing, insurance papers and other important documents.
- Locating all family members and designating a meeting place if an evacuation is ordered while separated.
- Preparing to move any disabled persons and/or children.
- Moving pets and livestock to a safe area.
- Arranging accommodation for your family if possible. In the event of an evacuation, Reception Centres will be opened if required.
- Monitoring news sources for information on evacuation orders and locations of Reception Centres.

This ALERT may be followed by an immediate order to evacuate, with more updated information on the condition.

In the event that this EVACUATION ALERT is followed by an EVACUATION ORDER, please leave your home immediately and follow any additional instructions to ensure your safety.

If you would like to provide an email address to facilitate informal freshet updates from the City of Chilliwack, please contact us at engineeringinfo@chilliwack.com to provide your name, civic address and email address.

Signature:

Mayor Ken Popove, City of Chilliwack

