

# EVACUATION ALERT

## Gitwangak First Nation

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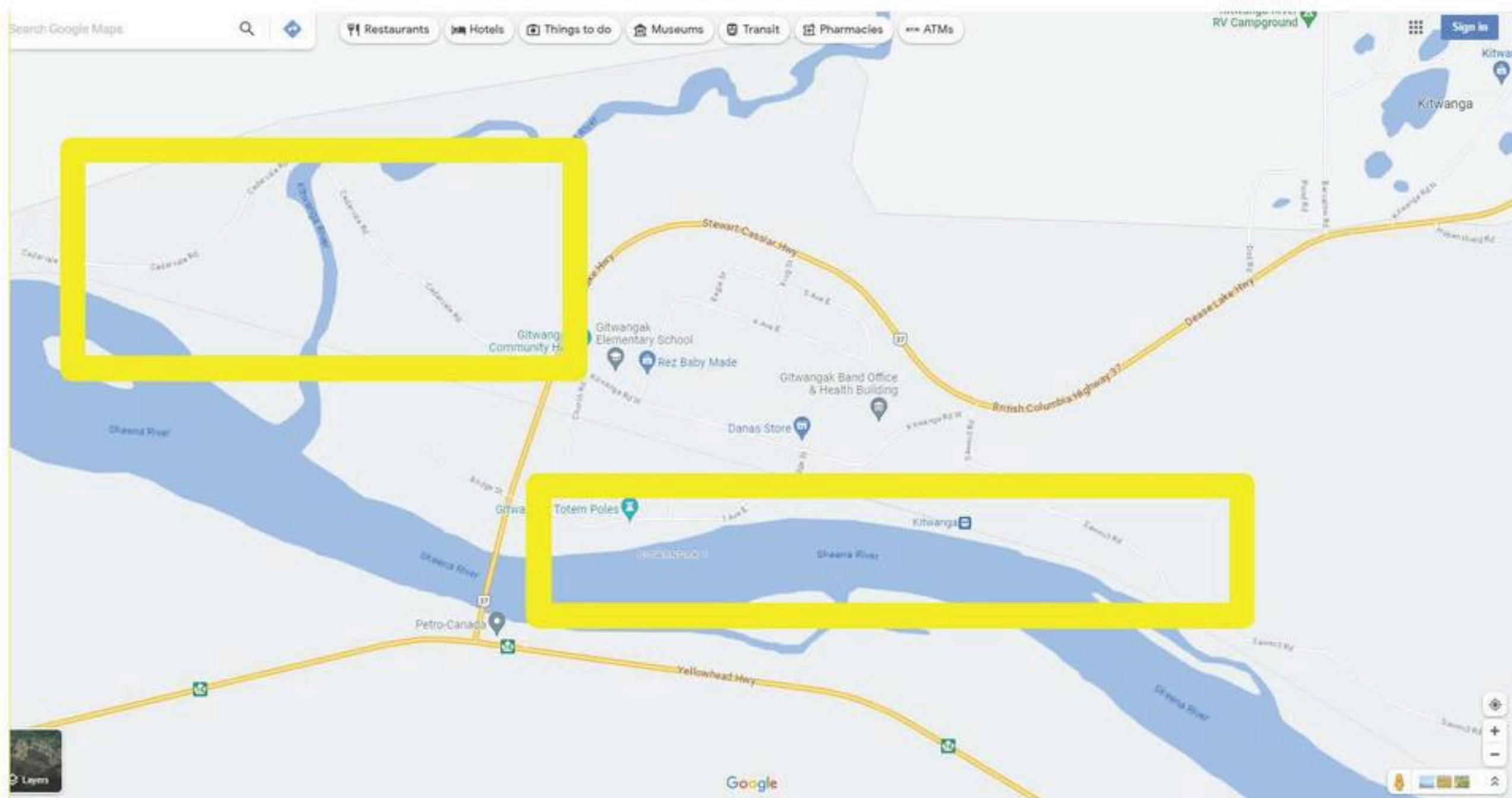
An Evacuation Alert has been issued by **Gitwangak First Nation** at the Emergency Operations Centre (EOC).


Whereas the water levels of the Skeena and Kitwanga Rivers continue to rise and threaten to breach the banks, create dangerous streamflows, and/or danger from erosion of the shoreline, resident homes are likely to be impacted by the flood waters in Gitwangak and people and property are directly threatened. 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.

Because of the potential danger to life and health, the Gitwangak Band Council has issued an **Evacuation Alert** for the following areas:

Cedarvale Rd West of Highway 37, Bridge Street, 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue E, Railway Ave

An Evacuation Alert has been issued to prepare you 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.



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## WHAT YOU SHOULD DO:

- Locate all family members and designate a meeting area outside the evacuation area, should an Evacuation Order be called while separated.
- Pack essential items such as government-issued ID, medications, eyeglasses, valuable papers (e.g. insurance, credit, and mortgage information), immediate care needs for dependents and, if time and space permits, keepsakes for quick departure.
- Prepare to move disabled persons, children and/or neighbours, if assistance is needed.
- Prepare to take pets with you and move livestock to a safe area (if possible).
- Arrange transportation for all your household members. Fill the gas tanks of personal vehicles. If transportation assistance is needed, call 250-849-5591
- Arrange accommodation for all members of the residence, if possible.
- Wait for an Evacuation Order to be issued before evacuating. Monitor the Gitwangak Band Office Facebook Page for information on evacuation orders and location of Reception Centres.

Further information will be issued at May 16, 2023 17:00, or visit:



<https://fb.me/GitwangakBandOffice> for more information.

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