

Friday, December 20, 2024

Village of Lions Bay Update

Dear Residents of Lions Bay,

Emergency Operations Center (EOC)

The Emergency Operations Centre EOC in both the Klatt Emergency building and in a 'Remote Command' in the Brunswick area actively continued today. Our CAO, Ross Blackwell is tasked as the Director of Emergency Operations with the support of the Province, Metro Vancouver Protective Services & Emergency Management staff. Further support continues from multiple agencies and specialists including Lions Bay Fire Rescue, Lions Bay Search & Rescue, the RCMP, Miller Capilano, Ministry of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness, and Ministry of Transportation and Transit. The Canada Task Force 1 (Heavy Urban Search & Rescue) has returned to assist.

Local State of Emergency

The State of Local Emergency declared last Sunday, December 15th, will continue until further notice to ensure ongoing access to needed resources and expertise. The assistance of geotechnical and structural engineers onsite daily, supports the continuing search which now involves heavy machinery for safe recovery efforts as well as Canada Task Force 1.

Recovery Efforts

The Battani Creek debris flow originated in Electoral Area A, just outside the northerly border of Lions Bay on Saturday, December 14th, and continues to be under investigation. The debris flow swept one residence off its foundation. One individual from the affected home has been recovered and confirmed deceased, while a second individual remains missing.

Evacuation/Alert Order

Two homes on Goldenrod Avenue and two homes on Crystal Falls Road remain under evacuation. Six homes in lower Brunswick continue on a precautionary "Evacuation Alert".

Our hearts go out to the family and loved ones during this devastating time. Names of the individuals involved will not be released here without the family's consent.

We will provide further updates in the coming days as new information becomes available.

Sincerely, Ken Berry, Mayor The Village of Lions Bay

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