



Village Update

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Battani Creek Slide Update: Emergency Operations and Search Efforts

The Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) continues its coordinated response to the Battani Creek slide, actively prioritizing public safety, addressing hazards, and advancing recovery efforts. This update provides an overview of the status and ongoing operations.

Residents of Goldenrod Road and Crystal Falls Road remain under evacuation orders. Crystal Falls Road is expected to transition to Alert status on December 21, while properties on Goldenrod Road will remain under order until further notice. On Brunswick Beach Road, the Alert status is anticipated to be lifted for most properties, except for the northern three (57, 59, and 61 Brunswick Beach Road).

BC Hydro crews are actively restoring damaged infrastructure, including the replacement of utility poles. Restoration for Crystal Falls Road is expected to be completed by the end of the day. To support the ongoing response, BC Emergency Health Services is deploying an Advanced Life Support car with two paramedics on December 20 and 21, ensuring medical readiness for personnel at the operation. A NOTAM has been issued for the affected area over the weekend to ensure the safety of aerial and ground activities.

Progress continues with the removal of hazard trees in the debris flow area. Specialized contractors are making significant headway. Additional debris removal resources are being assessed to accelerate the process. Debris clearing operations are advancing better than anticipated. On-site operations, supported by geotechnical engineers, and debris contractors, are ongoing.

To date, the response to the Battani Creek slide has involved the coordination of 39 agencies and contractors, exemplifying a remarkable level of collaboration and commitment. The EOC remains steadfast in prioritizing public safety, operational excellence, and clear communication as recovery efforts continue. Further updates will be provided as new developments occur.

The next update is scheduled for December 21.

We extend our thoughts to all those affected by this incident and thank all partners, emergency personnel, and volunteers for their continued efforts.

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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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