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Declaration of Local State of Emergency for Area 'C' Evacuation Orders Old Remo, New Remo, and Usk Interruption of Service for the Usk Cable/Arial Car

Due to the localized flooding that is impacting access and egress coupled with the potential high-level snow melt and precipitation, the RDKS is issuing a **Declaration of Local State of Emergency Order for Area 'C'** and are issuing **Evacuation Orders for Old Remo, New Remo, and Usk to commence at 8 p.m. tonight, June 5, 2022**. See Evacuation Orders below for more information.

The **Usk Cable/Arial car** is continuing to be monitored by the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure and if river levels continue to rise, may not be operational as soon as this evening. **All residents on North side of the Skeena at Usk should prepare to leave before this evening.** 

An Evacuation Alert remains for Dutch Valley and the RDKS continues to monitor this area.

### For those residents under Evacuation Order:

You must leave the area by 8:00 p.m. Register at: Emergency Support Services (ESS) Reception Centre at the Thornhill Community Center 3091 Century Street. ESS number: 250-641-2443

- If you need transportation assistance from the area call 250-641-2443.
- Shut off all gas and electrical appliances, other than refrigerators and freezers.
- Close all windows and doors.
- Close gates (latch) but do not lock.
- Gather your family and, if you have room, take a neighbour or someone needing
- transportation. Do not use more vehicles than you have to.
- Take critical items (medicine, purse, wallet, and keys) only if they are immediately
- available. Take pets in pet kennels or on leash.
- Do not use the telephone unless you need emergency service.

There is room at the Thornhill Agricultural Fairgrounds at 3160 #2 Highway 16 East for RV's and large animals upon request through ESS at 250-641-2443.

Information regarding flood preparedness, including the proper methods of sandbagging can be found by visiting <a href="https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/emergency-preparedness-response-recovery/preparedbc/know-your-hazards/floods">https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/emergency-preparedness-response-recovery/preparedbc/know-your-hazards/floods</a>

## Sandbag Stations:

Sandbags and sand are available to RDKS and City of Terrace residents, at the following locations:

- Thornhill Volunteer Fire Department, 3128 Hwy 16 East. 8:30am-4:30 pm weekdays. After hours
  and weekends call number provided on gate. Volunteer Firefighters have filled 1500 sandbags for
  those needing a little more help (this location may change to address areas of need as the highwater event develops).
- City of Terrace Public Works yard, 5003 Graham Ave., 7 am–3:30 pm weekdays. On a self serve basis.
- Vacant log sort area at the northwest corner of Keith and Kenney, follow signed access off Keith or Kenney. See City of Terrace website for hours: <a href="https://www.terrace.ca/flooding2022">https://www.terrace.ca/flooding2022</a>.

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Members of the public are strongly reminded not to drive through areas near the river that may be experiencing rising waters nearby if they are not residents of the area. If there is an emergency, crews need to be able to access the area and additional unnecessary traffic will hamper their ability to do so. A rising river is very dangerous—please stay safe and do not approach the riverbank.

The Regional District will provide updates, information, and resources on local radio stations, our website https://www.rdks.bc.ca/government/news/flooding\_events\_2022 and social media pages. Our next planned update will be June 6, 2022.

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During Office hours Monday to Friday 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. 250-615-6100 or toll free 1-800-663-3208

After hours Provincial Emergency Coordination call number: 1-800-663-3456



# Declaration of State of Local Emergency ORDER

WHEREAS there is a *flooding situation* within the jurisdiction of *the Regional District* of *Kitimat-Stikine*,

AND WHEREAS the *flooding* poses an existing or imminent threat to people and property within the area known as *Electoral Area C*,

AND WHEREAS this *flood* 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;

## NOW THEREFORE:

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED pursuant to Section 12 (1) of the Emergency Program Act that a state of local emergency exists in Electoral Area C due to flooding.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT the *Regional District of Kitimat-Stikine*, its employees, servants, and agents are empowered pursuant to *Section 13 (1) of the Emergency Program Act* to do all acts and implement all procedures that are considered necessary to prevent or to alleviate the effects of the emergency.

ORDERED by the *Chair of the Regional District of Kitimat-Stikine* this date, *June 5, 2022,* to remain in force for seven days until *June 12, 2022,* at midnight unless cancelled by *the Regional District of Kitimat-Stikine* or the Minister responsible.

RDKS Board Chair. Director Phil Germuth

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## EVACUATION ORDER Old Remo

June 5, 2022, at 20:00

Pursuant to [Section 12 (1) of the BC Emergency Program Act] an Evacuation Order has been issued by Regional District of Kitimat-Stikine due to immediate danger to life safety caused by flooding.

Members of the local police department and other applicable agencies will be expediting this action.

The Evacuation Order is in effect for the following areas:

All properties within the Community of Old Remo beyond the intersection of Old Remo Road and White Bottom (please refer to map for specific areas)

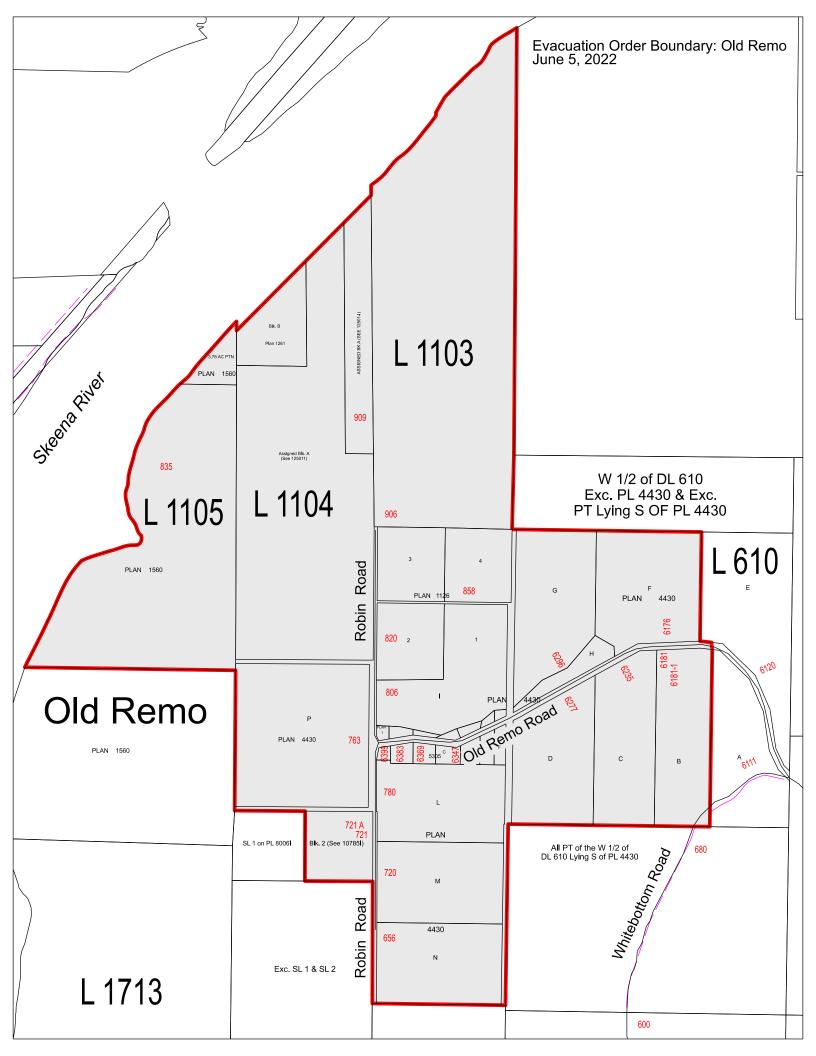
## **YOU MUST LEAVE THE AREA IMMEDIATELY**

## WHAT YOU SHOULD DO:

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- If you need transportation assistance from the area, call 250-641-2443
- Shut off all gas and electrical appliances, other than refrigerators and freezers.
- Close all windows and doors.
- Close gates (latch) but do not lock.
- Gather your family and, if you have room, take a neighbour or someone needing transportation. Do not use more vehicles than you have to.
- Take critical items (medicine, purse, wallet, and keys) only if they are immediately available. Take pets in pet kennels or on leash.
- Do not use the telephone unless you need emergency service.

Further information can be accessed on the RDKS website https://www.terrace.ca/flooding2022

EOC Director, Regional District of Kitimat-Stikine





## EVACUATION ORDER New Remo

June 5, 2022, at 20:00

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The Evacuation Order is in effect for the following areas:

All properties within the Community of New Remo, west of Terrace (please refer to map for specific areas)

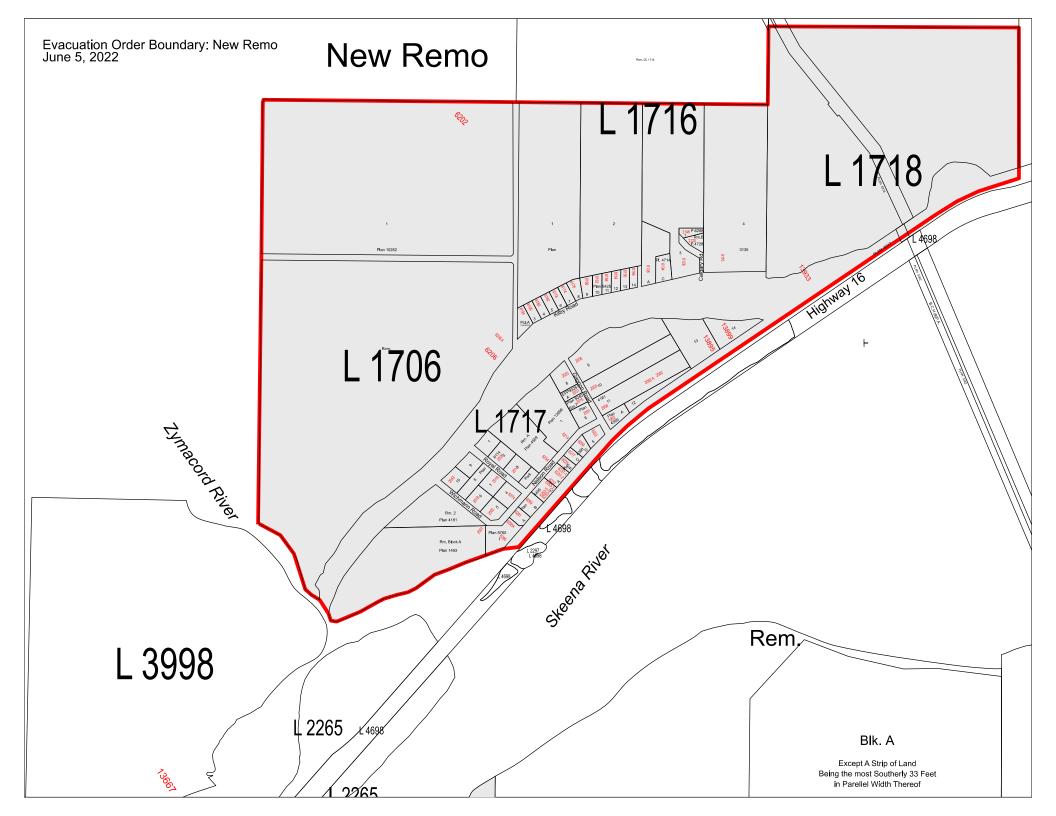
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EOC Director, Regional District of Kitimat-Stikine





## EVACUATION ORDER Usk

June 5, 2022, at 20:00 hrs

Pursuant to [Section 12 (1) of the BC Emergency Program Act] an Evacuation Order has been issued by Regional District of Kitimat-Stikine due to immediate danger to life safety caused by flooding.

Members of the local police department and other applicable agencies will be expediting this action.

The Evacuation Order is in effect for the following areas:

All properties within the Community of Usk, north of the Skeena River accessed by Cable Car/Ferry (please refer to map for specific areas)

## **YOU MUST LEAVE THE AREA IMMEDIATELY**

### WHAT YOU SHOULD DO:

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- If you need transportation assistance from the area, call 250-641-2443
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