

## **CLEVER Modelling Updates:**

The River Forecast Centre is maintaining a High Streamflow Advisory for the Skeena River including the Bulkley River and surrounding tributaries that affects the Regional District of Kitimat-Stikine (RDKS) including greater Terrace, Hazelton and Kispiox. Their latest CLEVER modelling shows water levels are predicted to reach 20-year flows over the weekend and into the beginning of next week. High Streamflow Advisory for the tributaries of the Stikine River that affects Dease Lake and Telegraph Creek shows water levels predicted to reach 2 – year flows for the Stikine and 10-20 year levels on the Tuya. This new data is improved over the previous information provided but is still significant. The current warming weather is leading to increased snowmelt rates and river runoff, while the forecasted rains will potentially add to the river runoff <a href="http://bcrfc.env.gov.bc.ca/freshet/map">http://bcrfc.env.gov.bc.ca/freshet/map</a> clever.html.

The RDKS has issued Evacuation Alerts for Old Remo, New Remo, Dutch Valley, and Usk. The RDKS continues to monitor these areas. Please see Evacuation Alerts and maps on the RDKS website at <a href="https://www.rdks.bc.ca/government/news/flooding">https://www.rdks.bc.ca/government/news/flooding</a> events 2022. There is moderate flooding in Old Remo, reported flooding near Kalum Lake and Red Sand, and the Usk Ferry is no longer operational.

## 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. Volunteer
  Firefighters have filled 1500 sandbags for those needing a little more help (this location may
  change to address areas of need as the high-water event develops).
- City of Terrace Public Works yard, 5003 Graham Ave., 7 am–3:30 pm weekdays. On a Self Serve basis.
- Sandbagging machine: at the 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: https://www.terrace.ca/flooding2022.

## Reception Centre:

Should an Evacuation Order be initiated, a reception centre has been identified at the Thornhill Community Center at 3091 Century Street in Thornhill (more information on this will be available if an Evacuation Order is put in place).

At this time residents and businesses in low-lying areas and areas which have experienced flooding in the past should take steps to flood proof their structures, including moving valuable items to higher ground, and finding alternate accommodations should the need for evacuation occur. 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>

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.

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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 4, 2022.

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