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River Forecast Centre issues High Streamflow Advisory

CLEVER Modelling Updates:

The River Forecast Centre has issued a High Streamflow Advisory for the Skeena River that affects the RDKS and City of Terrace. Their latest CLEVER modelling shows water levels are predicted to reach 20-year flows over the weekend, rather than the 100-year levels previously forecasted. 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 rain later this week will potentially add to the river runoff.

The Usk Ferry is no longer operational.

The Regional District of Kitimat-Stikine (RDKS) is collaborating with the City of Terrace to provide sand bagging stations for residents of the Greater Terrace area. The stations will be equipped with sand and sandbags on a self-serve basis. Sandbagging machines will also be operated by staff once they are received from Emergency Management BC (EMBC) and set up at the locations identified below.

RDKS Sandbag Stations:

Sandbags and sand are available at the **Thornhill Fire Department**, **3128 Hwy 16 East**, **Thornhill**, **on a self serve basis 8:30am-4:30pm weekdays. Please bring your own shovels.** This location may change to address areas of need as the high water event develops.

City of Terrace Sandbag Stations:

Hand bagging available at the City of Terrace Public Works yard, 5003 Graham Ave., 7 am—3:30 pm weekdays. This location is equipped with burlap sandbags and piles of sand. Bring your own shovels. Intended to be used by residents of the City of Terrace and RDKS in the following areas: Skeena Street, Graham Street, Braun's Island, New Remo, and North Terrace NOTES: Please drive slowly; the Public Works yard is busy with truck traffic related to general operations. Take only what you need.

Sandbagging machine: Coming soon (expected to be available before Friday, June 3)

Vacant log sort area at the northwest corner of Keith and Kenney
Follow signed access off Keith or Kenney
Operating hours will be communicated and based on flood severity

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 on June 2.

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