Sunday January 22, 2023, | 9:00 am

Board Members	
President	Patty Warkentin (stepped out from 11:00 to 11:30)
Vice President - cochair	Sharon Cross
Secretary	Vacant
Treasurer	Kelly Stanoffsky
Special Projects	Dana Vandecasteyen (excused from meeting at 11:15)
Park Liaison	Larry Sargeant (excused from meeting at 12:09)
Park Safety and Enhancement	Paul Leblevec
Guests	

Assistant Caretaker

Roland Lecompte

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- 1. Welcome/Meeting Called to Order 9:03 am
- 2. Additions to Agenda None
- 3. Approval to Agenda Approved
- 4. Minutes of October 2022 and November 2022 meetings passed by BOD via email on (January 15, 2023) **Approved**
- 5. President's Address with follow-up discussion (In Camera, 9:07 to 9:59 am)
- 6. Caretaker Report January 2023 (See Schedule A, Page 6)
- 7. Office Administrator Report (no report on vacation)
- 8. Old Business from November 2023
 - a) Posting the Minutes: Meeting Minutes are usually approved at the next scheduled BOD meeting. It was agreed to do our best to have drafts 'approval ready' by the next meeting, if not before.
 - b) Winter Cleanup of Member Sites (Treasurer): **Treasurer is working on a form to aid Caretakers and Liaison.**

- c) New Member Orientation Package Update (Vice President): **This document is being updated and project is near completion.**
- d) Tree Form Procedure/Process (Park Liaison, Caretaker): **Discussed. Meeting** to be arranged with Scott's Tree Service to understand his quote and how he charges.
- e) Contractor Liability and Waivers for Volunteer Workers (Treasurer): **Treasurer** has a meeting set up for the first week of February to finalize the waiver.
- f) Clubhouse Safety/Security (Park Enhancement and Safety): Tabled
- g) Plan for a separate Member's Personal File (Vice President, Treasurer): **Work** is in progress to prepare a secured area and locking filing cabinets.
- h) Dinner for Staff: Tabled
- i) Fire and Emergency Evacuation Plan (See attached Schedule D Page 10) (Park Enhancement & Safety and Vice President): PE&S to review existing work by the committee and will review what is required to complete the project. Test the equipment and set up drills.
- j) BOD Representation on Committees: Tabled
- k) Moth Balls Containing Camphor or Naphthalene The Government of Canada has determined that naphthalene is "toxic" as defined under the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999. Allowable use is "indoors only", and as instructed on packaging. A notice to be included in a MEMO to members.
- Next Steps re: Bylaws & Meeting & do we need a separate meeting (President): BOD asked to bring any specific Bylaw concerns back to the table for further discussion. Will also refer back to the committee for their top priorities, prior to deciding what should be brought forward to the members at the April GM. Discussions regarding possible SGM tabled.
- m) Job Descriptions (Roles and Responsibilities): Tabled

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n)	Plan regarding Winter Security for 2023-2024: Discussion was had
	regarding bylaw #481, found in the zoning and planning department of
	the Village of Harrison. Further investigation and discussion required.

- o) Spring GM: April 8th, 2023
- p) Power and Payment Procedures (Treasurer and Office Administrator): Treasurer to discuss procedures with Office Administrator
- 9. Directors Reports (Schedule B, Page 7 & 8)
 - a) Vice President
 - b) Park Enhancement and Safety
 - c) Special Projects
 - d) Park Liaison
- 10. Treasurer's Report (Schedule C, Page 9)

11. New Business

- a) Deadline for minutes: Discussed under Old Business.
- b) Park AED replacement, dollars needed (Park Enhancement and Safety): **Park Enhancement & Safety to order replacement supplies.**
- c) Park Enhancement program, are there dollars available? (Park Enhancement and Safety): Currently there is \$4,500.00 still available in Beautification, some of which is allocated to storage cabinets, and lighting.
- d) Fire drills (notice to the members of a date) (Park Enhancement and Safety):
 Park Enhancement & Safety to test system, send out notice of drills, and to arrange educational demonstration with members.
- e) Volunteer team: Park Enhancement and Safety to call for volunteers for the safety committee.
- f) Staff (code of conduct) Discussion was raised regarding a few of our members' bringing forward unpleasant interactions with staff. Their direct Supervisor & Privacy Officer have noted that these concerns have been addressed.

- g) Village of Harrison (clarify setbacks): After much discussion, it is agreed that our current rule regarding the setback is outdated and requires updating. The President will look into soliciting some help from selected members to address and hopes to have ready to present at the next GM.
- h) Bylaws plan for next GM The President, working with the Bylaws
 Committee, will bring some of the priority changes forward at the next GM.
- i) Courtesy letter to site 47 acknowledging receipt of enquiry re: dangerous trees being investigated between 46/47 (Liaison & VP): Liaison has responded & letter has been sent.
- j) Assistant Caretaker's RV overtop of well #1. Advised by Fraser Health that this is not compliant. Needs addressing prior to the end of the calendar year. Discussion was had on finding a solution. Possibly move the well closer to the pumphouse? Park Enhancement to investigate options and report at the next meeting if a solution needs to be added to the budget.
- k) Lot Cleanup Process for Spring & Member Opening Reminders (Park Liaison, Park Enhancement and Safety, Caretakers) **Tabled**
- I) Boat Storage for Spring/Summer 2023 Tabled
- m) Fire Emergency Exit Signage (Park Enhancement and Safety, Caretaker & Treasurer): **To have solution completed by next meeting.**
- n) Gate Key System (Park Liaison, Special Projects): Tabled
- o) Park Asset and Maintenance List: Vice President to work with Caretakers to compile a binder for our park assets and a working maintenance schedule.
- p) Perpetual Calendar: Treasurer to work with Vice President & Caretakers
- q) Update on Tree Situation (Park Liaison): Procedure is being followed, and Liaison is now up to date.

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 r) Inspection of Park Assets: Discussion re notice to inspect, maintenance schedule, review of equipment and appliances, areas of concern, and general upkeep. Following notice, inspection will be held by two selected BOD.

12. Correspondence:

Incoming: Nov 25 - Rule 1.B.2 (XXX) Dec 11 – Thank-you note RE: Rule 1.B.2 Rule 1.B.2 (XXX) Jan 2 – Winter Stay request (XXX) Jan 6 – Dangerous Trees (XXX)

Outgoing:

Dec 10 – Response RE: Rule 1.B.2. (XXX) Nov 19 – Payment (XXX) Jan 12 – Response RE: Winter Stay request (XXX) Jan 17 – Response RE: Dangerous Trees (XXX)

Meeting Adjourned 1:10 PM

Next meeting date: Tuesday, February 21, 2023, @ 6:00 pm

Minutes Prepared By: Sharon Cross

SCHEDULE "A"

CARETAKERS & ASSISTANT CARETAKER REPORT

JANUARY 2023

Frank was on holidays Dec 15 for 2 weeks. Then had 2 or 3 snowstorms which Roland plowed the road constantly.

- 1. Roland completed the laundry and office stairs.
- 2. We also hung the TV in the Clubhouse.
- 3. Fortis has replaced the gas meter at the Clubhouse.
- 4. Removing speed bumps for snow plowing.
- 5. Ron (gas fitter) also plumbed the Clubhouse and the meter. Just waiting for him to plumb the generator.
- 6. Roland removed the Clubhouse dividers and drywalling the space.
- 7. I (Frank) am on holiday until Jan 28.
- 8. I (Frank) have started the office washroom reno.
- 9. Re keyed library door.

This report does not include regular duties.

SCHEDULE "B"

Directors Reports

Vice President Report: Sharon Cross

<u>Sewer pumps</u> - All ropes have now been replaced on sewer pumps; this job is completed per Frank.

<u>Bath fans</u> - It was decided to go ahead and order 16 of the replacement bath fans, the caretakers will install when they arrive.

UPDATE Delivery could be another 3-4 weeks, as our order does not meet prepaid shipping from the MFG and could cost 500.00 for freight. The supplier is working towards a min order, so we do not incur shipping charges.

<u>Lighting</u> – working out the priority areas and have a meeting with the sales rep on Jan 20th, labor costs will be calculated with electrician once decision is made.

<u>Motion Sensors</u> – have not yet been installed as the electrician was sick during the holidays. He is re-scheduled to be working on it first week of Feb.

<u>Distribution Power boxes/ Transformer repair & cleaning</u> - I have been in communication with Leigh from Norich Electric (who currently holds our FSR) After speaking with him, he has advised that it is not a project that should be done in stages, his recommendation is that it be completed all at the same time. We have a site meeting Feb 3rd to do a walk through so he can review the scope and see if anything has changed since the initial checkup.

<u>Member Orientation</u> – Kari-Lynn, Kelly and myself have been working on this, and it is in the final stage, almost ready to review changes made with the secretary and treasurer to ensure we have not missed anything.

<u>Green cards</u>- Caretaker has been sent the following procedure: due to some lots not being current on Liability insurance - A lot will be checked for the date of liability expiration before the green card is approved. If the insurance is up in 3 weeks the card can only be approved for the duration of active insurance or up to 3 months, whichever comes first.

<u>Fire, safety & evacuation plan –</u> Spoke to the head of the past safety committee to see if they would like to continue and finalize the "plan".

I was informed that unfortunately they will be dissolving the current committee. I have sent all the information they had worked on to date, which has now been forwarded to Paul who oversees the Safety and Evacuation plan.

<u>Clubhouse update</u> – The TV has been put up, the partition walls have been removed and drywall is being repaired. Floor repairs should be complete by the end of the month. Members have volunteered to re-paint the walls; we are waiting on the approval of the "volunteer waiver" to proceed. A "T" has been added to the gas line for future planning if a gas fireplace is going to be installed.

Directors Reports Continued

Special Projects Report: Dana Vandecasteyen

- Gas line to generator: a larger meter has been installed at the clubhouse by Fortis. Gas contractor to complete generator hookup and conversion Jan 18th then he is to call for final inspection. Asphalt repairs to be arranged during warmer weather. Assistant Caretaker has advised that the generator ran an automatic exercise mode the last two Wednesdays at approx. 1:00 PM.

- Office foundation repairs: On hold until monitoring of settlement is completed after the rainy season.

Park Enhancement and Safety Report: Paul LeBlevec

Happy new year everyone.

I am looking forward to a great year ahead for our park.

Here is a list of what I'm working on.

- 1. I am in discussions with the local fire department regarding a firefighting plan.
- 2. I am updating the AED (artificial external defibrillator) so I need funds approved

3. I have conducted a minor safety audit of the buildings and will continue to conduct safety audits for the rest of the park.

- 4. I have been in contact with Pam and Ken Elphick to create a plan for this year 's park enhancement.
- 5. I will be conducting a test of the fire suppression system sometime before the park opens.
- 6. I plan to call for volunteers for both Park enhancement and safety.

Members, if you have any safety concerns you can bring them to my attention directly or email the BODs Thank you

Paul LeBlevec

Park Enhancement and Safety director HHPA

Park Liaison Report: Larry Sargeant

Trees:

We have 3 trees that need branches removed and waiting for permits. One lot had tree work that is approved with the lot owner paying the cost. 2 tree requests have been rejected. Working with staff to get a process for the information to me as it comes into the office.

SCHEDULE "C"

Treasurer Report: Kelly Stanoffsky

- We held a finance specific board meeting in December 2022 to review the status of the budget and what still needs to be done to the end of the fiscal year. We started compiling a list of items to include in the 2023/2024 new budget as well.
- Some unbudgeted callouts were needed over the Christmas break and into early January. Both the Office furnace needed a repair as well as the Caretaker house furnace
- Ongoing work is being done with the Office Administrator regarding Monthly updates to Members Liability Insurance and those that are non-compliant. We currently have 13 as of the date of this report that we do not have proof of Liability Insurance for.
- November to March is the time our 3 staff take their vacation during the park Winter Closure so some jobs in the office have been delayed due to staff vacation time.
- I have started working with the lawyers on the new liability waiver for contractors and a volunteer waiver form as well.
- I have started drafting a wish list of items for the upcoming 2023/2024 budget. This will be a work in progress over the next 3 months as we head towards the Spring GM
- The Vice-President and I have been working on updating the New Member orientation package and tweaking it with items very specific to continual issues we are having in the park.
- I am working with the Office Administrator on revamping several of the office forms over the winter with the updated logo and getting them all onto the website as well.
- I have reached out to Shaw to discuss our cable contract hoping to hear back soon.

Snapshot of Financials on December 31, 2022

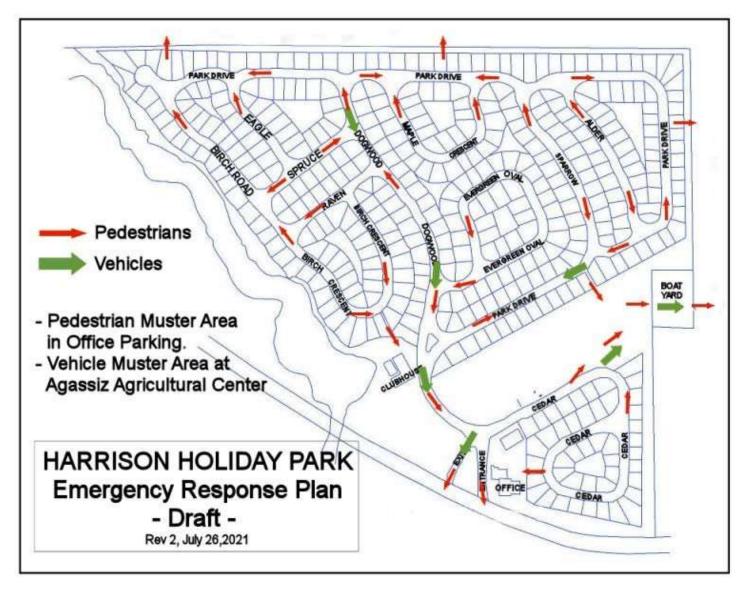
1020	Petty Cash	500.00
1030	Chequing Account	17,317.06
1035	Prospera Credit Union Equity Share	5.00
1060	Prospera Savings	157,679.77
1061	Prospera Savings - Contingency	489,801.00

NOTE: 1060 Prospera Savings includes prepaid dues for 2023-2024 season of \$4183.40

SCHEDULE "D"

20210730 Draft Emergency Response Plan – Harrison Holiday Park. Rev03

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The above Emergency Evacuation Plan will allow for the rapid evacuation of members and guests should a fire develop within the Park. This draft plan requires emergency escape gates to be incorporated in the back and side fences of our Park. These security gates will be installed at the Park's expense but will require +/- 3 Lot owners on Park Drive, alongside these fences, to come forward and agree to having these gates installed. Please contact the Office should you be willing to participate in this plan.

Members first criteria should be to evacuate their families from the Park as rapidly as possible even if this means leaving your vehicle and RV behind. Having pedestrians evacuate in multiple exits, should allow for a limited number of vehicles to leave the Park via the front exit and the boat area gate.

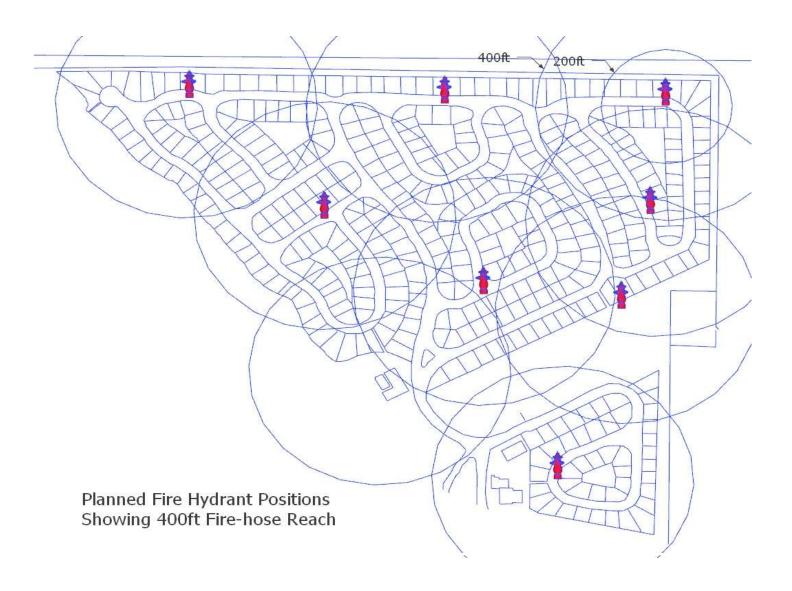
Prominent signage will be placed indicating the emergency exits from the Park.

An annual emergency evacuation drill will be held to familiarize every one of the procedures to be followed in the case of an emergency

Note: This is a Draft Work-in-Progress plan and requires further details to be worked out and the Board is requesting input from members experienced in these matters such as First Responders (fire fighters, medical personnel, etc.). Should you have expertise to offer in this regard and to assist with further details in this plan, then please give your name to Lynn in the office.

In addition to this evacuation plan, the Board is planning to install a number of Fire Hydrants which will be positioned within approximately 400ft from any Lot in the Park. See the attached sketch below.

Note: Should the fire come from the forested area behind us, then egress onto Hot Springs and McPherson Roads are the only viable exit points Planned Fire Hydrant Positions



In the event of an emergency dial 911

Other contact information

 HHP Office:
 604-796-2545

 Agassiz RCMP (Non-Emergency):
 604-796-2211

Common Disasters & Procedures for Responding to Each

a) Earthquake

Prior to any earthquake, each member/guest should preplan and practice steps they will take in the event of an earthquake. If you are indoors:

- Take cover under any sturdy piece of furniture.
- Stay away from windows or ceiling objects such as lighting fixtures.
- Do not light matches or candles as there might be a gas leak.
- Do not turn on electrical equipment of any kind.
- If emergency assistance is needed call 911.

If you are outdoors:

- Find an open area and remain there until the earthquake stops.
- Stay away from power poles and electrical lines, tall buildings, bridges, brick or block walls, underpasses and trees.
- Locate an App on your mobile phone and listen for emergency instructions.
- Confine and secure all pets so they will not hamper emergency service employees in the performance of their duties.
- After shocks may occur, so be prepared.
- If emergency assistance is needed call 911.

The Park Caretaker and his Assistant will be available on their mobile phones with any information that is available, to answer any questions or to provide assistance as needed.

Frank: 604-845-2545

Roland: 604-997-0546

b) Fire

There are steps you can take to minimize the dangers associated with fires and improve your chances of survival should a fire erupt in or around your RV or the Park.

Prevention and Safety Tips:

- Be sure you have properly operating smoke detectors and fire extinguishers in your RV. If one or more of your smoke detectors are battery operated, replace the batteries annually or more often if necessary. An easy to remember schedule is to change your batteries to coincide with daylight savings time.
- It is recommended that you should have two fire extinguishers in your RV one positioned just inside your door where it can be easily reached and a second unit in your sleeping area.
 Extinguishers should be checked on a regular basis to ensure the pressure shown on the gauge is still in the green zone. A

third extinguishers should be mounted on the outside of your shed. All these units should be replaced every 3 years

- Make sure everyone knows how to use the emergency exits in your RV. Practice using them with the whole family.
- Be sure your heating and electrical systems are properly maintained and in good working order. Carefully follow the instructions on all appliances and heating units, taking special care not to overload your electrical system.
- Installing an electrical surge protector on your connection to the power pole is a safety feature and will prevent a number of electrical problems associated with your RV
- Only use CSA approved propane firepit equipment on your lot
- Operate BBQs and firepit equipment a safe distance (+/-1meter) from hedges, sheds, RVs and other structures
- Keep matches, lighters, and candles away from small children. Children tend to be curious about fire and tend to hide when frightened.
- Keep your vehicle/s fueled
- Follow instructions if you need to evacuate and take our emergency kit with you
- Only re-enter your lot/RV when instructed by officials and community leaders

The <u>Canadian Wildland Fire Information System (nrcan.gc.ca)</u> is a fire management information system that monitors fire danger conditions across Canada 24/7, it includes an interactive fire map and up to date information on the fire situations.

• An Evacuation Order means you are at risk and should evacuate the area immediately. Follow the routes specified by officials and others away from the fire

- An Evacuation Alert means that you should be ready to leave on short notice
- Visit <u>FireSmart Canada | wildfire preparedness assessments, training and resources</u> for information and to complete an assessment on how to protect your home/RV and property
- Have practice drills with your family so that they know what to do and are prepared
- Have your emergency 'go-bag' ready in extreme weather conditions

In Case of Fire in your RV:

- Immediately assess the problem to assist you in exiting away from the fire source
- Know how to use fire extinguishers
- Get everyone out of the RV immediately
- Without risk to any person, get pets out of the RV.
- Call 9-1-1 or the Fire Department, then call the Park office 604-796-2545 (from a neighbor's phone if available.) and:
 - Give: your name, telephone number you are calling from, Park address (973 Hot Springs Rd, Harrison Hot Springs), lot number where the fire is and any helpful directions.
 - Describe the type/nature of the fire (gas, wood, chemical, electrical).
 - State that the fire is in an RV and report any known injuries. Stay on the line and allow the person you contacted to end the call.
 - If and only if safe, turn off the propane and disconnect the electricity.
 - Tell all residents or guests near the fire source to stand ready with water hoses to wet down their structures or adjacent building(s) in case of traveling sparks.
 - Make sure all members and guests have left the affected structure and **immediately** let the fire department personnel know if any disabled person(s) or anyone is not accounted for and may still be in the structure.
 - Never go back into a burning structure.
 - If smoky conditions are present, remember that smoke rises and stay as close to the floor as possible. Before exiting a door, feel the bottom of the door with the palm of your hand. If it is **hot**, find another way out. **Never open a door that is hot to the touch**.
 - Should your clothing catch fire: **first drop...then roll. Never run**. If a rug, large towel, or blanket is handy, roll yourself up in it until the fire is out

c) Flood

Items you should know in the event of a flood. This is unlikely to affect our Park but this information could be valuable should you travel to other areas.

- Know the elevation of your location in relation to nearby stream (???) and lake (???).
- Check the local Weather Forecast Service
- Wear life preservers if possible. Wear appropriate clothing and sturdy shoes.
- Avoid any contact with flood water. Flood water may be contaminated and pose health problems. If cuts or wounds come in contact with flood waters, clean the wound as thoroughly as possible.
- Take your Emergency Disaster Supplies Kit with you.
- When you reach a safe place, call your predetermined family contact person.

After a flood:

- Return back to your RV site only after authorities say the danger of more flooding is over.
- If fresh food has come in contact with flood waters, throw it out.
- Do not reconnect to water, sewer or electric until Park management has authorized you to do so.

Provisions for members who may need assistance

If a guest/member expects to need assistance during an emergency, please inform the office.

If a guest/member of the Park needs assistance during an emergency call the office at 604-796-2545.

Park staff will provide assistance as they are able but it should be understood that Park management is not responsible for physically evacuating members from their RVs or providing any materials or services during an emergency.

1. Introduction

In the unlikely event of a natural or man-made disaster, we want our members to have the utmost safety procedures in place. Make sure you are familiar with our Park's evacuation routes (attached) and procedures and discuss them with your family or others in your party.

The next time disaster strikes, you may not have much time to act. Prepare now for a sudden emergency. Knowing what to do in an emergency is your best protection and your responsibility. Learn how to protect yourself and your family by planning ahead.

To obtain more information, you may want to contact your local emergency management agency or ???? and the local Red Cross chapter be prepared to take notes.

A checklist follows to develop your own personal emergency plan.

- Find out which disasters are most likely to occur in the areas you are visiting.
- Know how to prepare for each disaster and how you would be warned of an emergency.
- Learn about the community's warning signals what they sound like and what you should do when you hear them.
- Learn the Park's main evacuation routes.
- If needed, ask about special assistance for elderly or disabled persons.
- Ask about animal care during and after an emergency. Animals may not be allowed inside emergency shelters due to health regulations

2. Checklist of Emergency Procedures

Meet with your family and discuss why you need to prepare for disasters. Explain the dangers of fire, severe weather and earthquakes to children, elderly individuals, and persons needing special assistance. Plan to share responsibilities and work together as a team. The following may be used in creating your own emergency plan:

- Discuss what to do in an evacuation.
- Pick an alternative location to meet, in the event a family member cannot return to the campsite.
- Pick one out-of-province and one local friend or relative for family members to call if separated by disaster (it is often easier to call out-of-province than within the affected area).
- Instruct family members to turn on a battery powered radio for emergency information.
- Teach children how and when to call 9-1-1 and a long-distance contact person.
- Keep family records in a water and fire-proof container.
- If your RV cannot be evacuated, make sure to turn the propane tanks off. Disconnect the RV from power, water and cable/electric.
- Take a basic first aid and CPR class.
- Prepare a disaster supply kit

3. If Disaster Strikes:

- Remain calm and patient. Put your plan into action.
- Check for injuries; give first aid and get help for seriously injured.
- Listen to your battery powered radio for news and instructions.
- Evacuate if advised to do so. Wear appropriate clothing and sturdy shoes.
- Check for damage to your RV use a flashlight only. Do not light matches or turn on electrical switches, if you suspect damage.
- Check for fires, fire hazards and other household hazards.
- If you are remaining in your RV, sniff for gas leaks, starting at the hot water heater. If you smell gas or suspect a leak, turn off the propane tanks, open windows, and get everyone outside quickly.
- Shut off any other damaged utilities.
- Clean up spilled medicines, bleaches, and any other flammable liquids immediately.

4. Remember to:

- Confine or secure your pets.
- Call your family contact do not use the telephone again unless it is a life-threatening emergency.
- Check on your neighbors, especially elderly or disabled members/guests.
- Make sure you have an adequate water supply in case service is shut off.
- Stay away from downed power lines.

5. First Aid Procedures

Information on first aid can be found on Google or the Mayo Clinic app. Utilize known persons who are medically trained (such as Doctors, Nurses, or people medically trained in CPR and first aid) to assist in administering first aid to those injured. If the injured individual(s) are in imminent danger, they should carefully be moved to a safe location to administer first aid. In the case where injuries are severe and movement could cause further injuries, do not move the injured. Make the injured person(s) as comfortable as possible and wait for emergency personnel. Before emergencies, prepare a first aid kit. Have the kit in an easy to locate place. Make sure all family members know the location of the kit.

6. Be Prepared!

Government and Relief Agencies estimate that after a major disaster, it could take a few days for relief workers to reach some areas. In such cases, a 48-to-72-hour disaster supply kit could mean the difference

between life and death. In other emergencies, a 48-to-72-hour disaster supply kit means the difference between having a miserable experience or one that's like a pleasant family camp out.

In the event of an evacuation, you will need to have items in an easy-to-carry container like a backpack or duffle bag (your go-bag) – don't forget to include important paperwork, passports, medication, etc.

7. Family Disaster Supplies Kit

You should inspect your supplies at least twice a year or before each trip. Rotate food and water every six months. Check children's clothing for proper fit. Adjust clothing for winter or summer needs. Check expiration dates on batteries, light sticks, warm packs, food and water.

Keep a light source stored in the top of your kit for easy access in the dark. More than likely most of the recommended supplies are already included in your RV or camp supplies. If not, you might want to consider adding these items to your packing list.

8. Local Emergency Phone Numbers	
Agency:	Phone Number:
Emergency	911
Park Office	604-796-2545
Frank	604-845-2545
Roland	604-997-0546
Agassiz RCMP (non-emergency)	604-796-2211

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https://www.healthlinkbc.ca/health-feature/flooding-and-your-

health?fbclid=IwAR2AjCsfza955rrkSmQLBLRrwCnUFqRkvxfaEb59NoM1INXZbOSiOI78ms

Food Safety

For information about safe handling of food during an emergency, click on the links below.

- HealthLinkBC Food Safety
- Government of Canada: Food Safety in an Emergency

Infants and young children are especially vulnerable in an emergency.

Breastfeeding is the safest way to feed your baby. Offer the breast often, for nutrition and comfort.

- <u>Breastfeeding</u> (HealthLinkBC File #70)
- You can find more information on how to safely breastfeed your baby and/or young child during COVID-19 <u>here</u>

Babies who are formula-fed are at highest risk during an emergency. It can be difficult to safely prepare infant formula if you do not have clean water or electricity. Check local water quality advisories before using water to mix with formula or to clean and disinfect feeding equipment. Follow any guidance provided by local public health officials. If you don't know if your water is safe, use ready-to-feed infant formula.

- <u>Feeding Your Baby Formula: Before You Start</u> (HealthLinkBC File 69a)
- <u>Feeding Your Baby Formula: Safely Making and Storing Formula</u> (HealthLinkBC File 69b)
- Government of British Columbia: Water Quality Notifications

You can find more information on how to safely feed your baby during COVID-19 if you are using or thinking about using infant formula <u>here</u>

If you have any concerns around infant formula or need advice on acceptable short-term alternatives, contact your local public health office or call **8-1-1** to speak with a nurse or dietitian at <u>HealthLink BC</u>.

During flooding roads may be closed, you may be cut off from certain supplies and services, or your community may be evacuated. Learn what you can do to prepare for an emergency and stay safe in advance of a potential evacuation alert or order.

- Government of British Columbia: Be prepared for floods
- Government of British Columbia: Make your emergency plan
- Government of British Columbia: Protect your home and property
- Government of British Columbia: Build an Emergency Kit
- Government of Canada Get Prepared
- Government of Canada: Make your community Flood Ready
- Preparing for an Emergency: A Focus on Water and Food
- Seniors as Emergency Response Volunteers | HealthLinkBC File 103b

Flooding and Water Quality

For the most recent information on flooding, please see the <u>EmergencyInfoBC's Current Flooding</u> <u>Information</u>.

For information about flooding and water quality from your health authority, where available, click on the links below.

- First Nations Health Authority: Environmental Health
- Fraser Health Flooding
- Interior Health Flooding o Interior Health Water Quality
- Island Health Drinking Water
- Northern Health Flooding
- Vancouver Coastal Health Water Quality

Evacuation Information

If there is flooding in or near your community, you may be evacuated to a safer area. There are a number of resources and supports available to evacuees. Learn what to do if you are evacuated from your home and how to find support in your area.

- British Columbia River Forecast Centre: Flood Warning and Advisories
- DriveBC:Driving Conditions

- EmergencyInfoBC: Current Flooding Information
- Government of British Columbia: What to do if evacuated from your home

Seniors may need special support in the event of an evacuation. Learn what you can do to be prepared.

- Caring for Seniors in Residential Care in an Emergency (HealthLinkBC File #103c)
- Community Evacuation Information for Seniors (HealthLinkBC File #103a)