



Tkemlups te Secwépeḿc

(Kamloops Indian Band)

TteS Community Bulletin – 2020, Freshet Preparation and Flood Response

May 15, 2020 - Flood risk is elevated this freshet season, with forecasters describing the possibility of exceptionally high waters in the Kamloops area (one-in-20-year flood), similar to 1972 levels.

North and South Thompson Rivers

Three factors create conditions for flooding this year: deep snowpack levels in Thompson River catchments, weather (warm temperatures & rain on snow events), and/or the time at which the North and South Thompson rivers peak.

TteS is in communication with the BC River Forecast Centre, Emergency Management BC, and the City of Kamloops regarding their well-developed flood monitoring and response planning to prioritize actions.

TteS Dykes are constructed to one-in-200-year flood design standards. TteS inspects its dykes throughout the freshet, including weekly inspections, followed by daily inspections as the rivers rise.

Paul Creek

As TteS prepares for potential flooding this year, residents and businesses located in low-lying areas or along creeks are reminded to prepare early and protect their properties.

Community members who live and work alongside waterways, culverts, and riverbanks are asked to stay as far back from the banks as possible and use extreme caution. Banks may be unstable as high-flowing waters can cause erosion under the visible surface.

Resources

To report flood-related concerns, call TteS Public Works at:

250-318-6400



ARGO Road Maintenance - (Kamloops Service Area)

East Shuswap Road, Paul Lake Road, and Chief Louis Way are Provincial highways located on reserve. Please report all concerns to Argo Road maintenance's 24-hour call-in number:

1 800 661-2025

Email: argokam@argoroads.ca

Sand bags

If flooding seems like a real possibility, employ sandbags around the foundation of your house. Sand and sandbags are available for loading at the TteS Public Works yard, located at:
762 East Athabasca Street (Mt. Paul Industrial Park).

Please note that due to the COVID-19 pandemic, residents are asked to bring their own shovel and respect physical distancing guidelines while filling sandbags.

TteS will continue to provide updates on flood protection efforts as conditions change.

For additional information regarding City of Kamloops flood protection efforts, go online to:
www.kamloops.ca/flooding

Thank you,

TteS Emergency Operations Centre