

**POLICY**  
**FLOODING**

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**Preamble:**

The Columbia Shuswap Regional District receives numerous requests to respond to incidents of flooding in the unincorporated areas of the Regional District. The Regional District is not required under legislation to provide flood protection service and the Regional District has not established a flood protection service function or a tax for flood protection service. The purpose of this Policy is to clarify the role of the Regional District with respect to flooding issues for the benefit of the public, Regional District staff and relevant provincial and federal agencies.

**Policy:**

Property owners are responsible for protective works on their properties and for developing a protective flood plan for their properties. The Columbia Shuswap Regional District will not respond to flooding incidents but will, upon request, provide property owners with the following agency contact information in order for property owners to request assistance in response to an actual or pending flooding situation:

**Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MOTI)**

- Flooding incident that involves the road drainage system; typically an open ditch adjacent to the road, associated culverts and downstream drainage systems.

**Ministry of Environment (MoE)**

- Flooding incident that involves an established drainage course, stream, creek, river or lake.

**Provincial Emergency Program (PEP)**

- Flooding incident that involves an application for funding assistance to the Disaster Financial Assistance Fund.

**Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO)**

- Flooding incident that involves an adverse impact to fisheries habitat.

Where requested, the Columbia Shuswap Regional District will endeavour to provide information and education for property owners on the development of a protective plan to mitigate damage from flooding.

Note: This Policy is not intended to affect any rights and responsibilities the Columbia Shuswap Regional District may have under the *Emergency Program Act* with respect to disasters and emergencies under that Act.

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