



# SHUSWAP EMERGENCY PROGRAM EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

**TO:** Chair and Committee Members

**SUBJECT:** Evacuation Planning and Community Evacuation Guide

**DESCRIPTION:** Report from Cathy Semchuk, Emergency Program Coordinator/ESS Director, dated March 25, 2025.

**RECOMMENDATION:** THAT: this report be received for information only.

**BACKGROUND:**

Evacuation route planning has been completed for 20 high risk communities within the SEP coverage area.

Evacuation Planning Areas Included in the 2020/2021 Project	
▪ Anglemont	▪ Malakwa
▪ Blind Bay	▪ Scotch Creek
▪ Eagle Bay	▪ Sorrento
▪ Falkland	▪ Sunnybrae
▪ Lee Creek	▪ Swansea Point
Evacuation Planning Areas Included in the 2023/2024 Project	
▪ Celistia	▪ Dorian Bay
▪ White Lake/Little White Lake	▪ Tappen
▪ Silver Creek	▪ Notch Hill
▪ Rancho/Deep Creek	▪ Annis Bay
▪ Cambie Solsqua	▪ Queest/Anstey

Evacuation Route planning included the development of a community specific Guidance Document which outlines critical information such as trigger criteria for evacuation decision making, physical evacuation route planning modelling data, evacuation route alternatives, decision making timeline for each community based on real time, method and modes of evacuation, assembly points, traffic and security locations and resources required for route management, pinch points and more. A one-page quick reference guide has also been produced outlining evacuation route priorities, issues and resources. These documents are specifically designed for use by the Emergency Operations Centre.

SEP and the CSRD’s Communications Team have been working closely with Monogram Communications on the content and design of a resident focused Community Evacuation Guide and community-specific Evacuation Route Map.

This publication has been designed to guide residents through steps they can take - before an Emergency, During an Emergency and After an Emergency. It is filled with helpful tips and links to emergency preparedness, response and recovery resources. In addition to the guide, a two-sided insert has been created outlining communities, evacuation zones and primary and connector evacuation routes.

The brochure has been kept generic to allow for wide distribution to SEP communities, with the specific information being contained on a mapping insert.

A distribution strategy is being developed with the focus on direct distribution at community events. Residents will also be directed to an electronic version located on the CSRD website. Social media posts will also direct residents to the new guide.

**NEXT STEPS:**

SEP is compiling a UBCM Community Emergency Preparedness Funding application to complete Evacuation Route Planning Guidance Documents for the City of Salmon Arm. These standardized documents will be specifically designed for use by the Emergency Operations Centre.

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This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

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