



INFORMATION BULLETIN

Local Earthquake is a Good Reminder to Be Prepared

ABBOTSFORD, BC, August 28, 2015 – Following last night's local earthquake, the City of Abbotsford is reminding and encouraging residents to ensure they are prepared for an emergency and have an Emergency Plan for their family.

"At 7:07pm on August 27, 2015, some residents experienced a vibration through the community," said Jeff Adams, Acting Fire Chief and Deputy Coordinator of the Emergency Program for the City of Abbotsford. "Our Emergency Program staff confirmed with Emergency Management BC and Natural Resources Canada that an earthquake occurred 8km northeast of Abbotsford, approximately 2.6 km below the surface."

Details about the earthquake can be found at

http://www.earthquakescanada.nrcan.gc.ca/recent_eq/2015/20150828.0207/index-eng.php

"Last night's minor event is a good reminder that we never know when an emergency will happen," said Abbotsford Mayor, Henry Braun. "What we do know is how to *prepare* for emergencies, and at the very least, everyone should have a Household Emergency Plan, and a Household Emergency Kit for all members of their family, including pets."

Important emergency preparations include knowing how to turn off your gas, establishing a family meeting place outside of your own neighbourhood and outside of Abbotsford, and determining who will be an out of area contact person the entire family can check-in with if local phone lines are not working. Residents can find valuable emergency preparedness information from the Abbotsford Emergency Program online at www.abbotsford.ca/aep, as well as through Emergency Management BC's website at www.embc.gov.bc.ca.

Information about recent earthquakes in Canada as well as important safety information is also available at www.earthquakescanada.nrcan.gc.ca. Abbotsford residents can also log-on to this federal government website and record any information they have about the latest local earthquake.

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