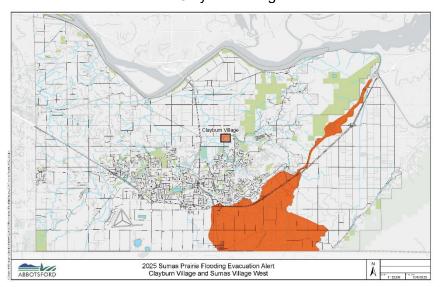


INFORMATION BULLETIN

Evacuation Alerts issued for Sumas Prairie West and Clayburn Village

ABBOTSFORD, **BC – December 10**, **2025 –** The City of Abbotsford is issuing evacuation alerts for properties in Sumas Prairie West and Clayburn Village.



This follows a Flood Warning issued earlier today by the BC River Forecast Centre and further conversations with the Province of BC based on their modelling information which shows that the flooding may be more than what was seen in 2020 but not as significant as the 2021 event.

The City of Abbotsford remains in contact with Whatcom County. The Nooksack River is expected to overtop its banks this afternoon and overflow water will take approximately 7 hours to cross the Canada/U.S.A. border based on past experience.

The most potentially impacted properties will receive hand-delivered notices from Abbotsford Fire Rescue Service, Abbotsford Police Department and others.

Residents in Sumas Prairie West and Clayburn Village are encouraged to plan ahead should they need to evacuate.

Crews are actively monitoring river levels, dikes and road conditions closely. Crews will be closing Cole Road at the dike, between Wellsline Road and Vye Road later this evening.

Be prepared:

- Clear storm drains and gutters of leaves and debris to help prevent water buildup
- Avoid driving across water-covered roads or bridges
- Sand and sandbags are available outside the City of Abbotsford Public Works Yard at 31739 King Road (please bring your own shovel)

• Prepare a Grab-and-Go kit

Crews are out in the community clearing catch basins and monitoring local conditions. If you notice a clogged storm drain, localized flooding, flooding roadways or overflowing ditches, please report it by calling 604-853-5485 during the day or 604-864-5552 after hours, or by using the <u>Abbotsford app</u>.

Should conditions change, the City of Abbotsford will provide updates to residents at www.abbotsford.ca and on City social media channels. Road closure information can be found at www.abbotsford.ca/roadclosures.

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