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## Funding confirmed for flood mitigation on Nooksack River

**ABBOTSFORD – October 1, 2019:** The City of Abbotsford will receive \$250,000 in federal and provincial funding for a project that will address flood mitigation on the Nooksack River, announced Mayor Henry Braun today.

Major flooding in Abbotsford occurred in November 1990, when the overflow from the Nooksack River in United States flooded north into the Sumas River basin in Abbotsford, causing a closure of Trans Canada Highway for 26 hours.

The project will use specialized software to estimate flood damage under a 100-year (and possibly 200-year) event. The estimate will help the development of mitigation options to reduce the risk of flooding in the area and enable further discussion with stakeholders in the United States related to cross-border flooding issues. The Nooksack River Overflow Flood Mitigation Plan is one of the next steps to address an international and transboundary flooding issue from the United States into Canada.

The project has a total value of \$260,000 and is expected to start in October 2019. It has received approval for 100% senior government funding, with in-kind support from the City of Abbotsford for project management.

The Nooksack River Overflow Flood mitigation plan is one of 20 projects across British Columbia to receive federal funding from the National Disaster Mitigation Program.

### Quotes:

“We are grateful to the federal and provincial governments for this funding. As the effects of climate change continue, flooding impacts and the risks of increased extreme weather events continue to be of concern for governments around the globe. This funding will support Abbotsford in developing a mitigation plan that will support our efforts to build capacity for community resiliency.”

*Henry Braun  
Mayor, City of Abbotsford*

### Quick Facts:

- The total project value for the Nooksack River Overflow Flood mitigation plan is \$260,000
  - Federal funding: \$125,000; Provincial funding: \$125,000; City of Abbotsford in-kind funding: \$10,000
- The Natural Disaster Mitigation Program was established by the Government of Canada in April 2015 to reduce the impacts of natural disasters on Canadians by focusing investments on significant, recurring flood risk and costs; and advancing work to facilitate private residential insurance for overland flooding.

- Since the launch of the NDMP, the Government of Canada has approved funding for 363 projects across Canada that are helping to build safer, more resilient communities.

**Associated Links:**

[National Disaster Mitigation Program](#)

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