



CITY OF TERRACE DECLARES STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY

The City of Terrace has declared a State of Local Emergency (SOLE) for the purpose of being prepared to issue an evacuation order due to flooding.

While the SOLE is issued city-wide, it is specifically in place to address the rising water levels. Currently, the [CLEVER modelling](#) from the River Forecast Centre shows the river is expected to peak Thursday evening (May 18th) and anticipated to start receding Sunday (May 21st).

The SOLE is currently scheduled for today, May 17th and is anticipated to remain until Wednesday May 24th.

“Declaring a State of Local Emergency is a step we take to give us the tools to we need to work efficiently to address the rising water levels. This helps us ensure our locals and infrastructure remain as safe as possible under the current circumstances. Please continue to monitor the City of Terrace Facebook page and website for updates.”- Mayor Bujtas

Our next update will be released should an evacuation order be given; residents can continue monitoring our communications channels, including our website at <https://www.terrace.ca/flooding2023> and the City’s [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) accounts.

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Declaration of State of Local Emergency ORDER

WHEREAS there is a flooding within the jurisdiction of the City of Terrace;

AND WHEREAS the flooding poses an existing or imminent threat to people and property within the area known as the City of Terrace;

AND WHEREAS this flooding emergency requires prompt coordination of action or special regulation of persons or property to protect the health, safety or welfare of people or to limit damage to property;

NOW THEREFORE:

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED pursuant to Section 12 (1) of the Emergency Program Act (RS, 1996, Chap 111) that a state of local emergency exists in the City of Terrace due to flooding of the Skeena and Kitsumkalum Rivers;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT the City of Terrace, its employees, servants and agents are empowered pursuant to Section 13 (1) of the Emergency Program Act to do all acts and implement all procedures that are considered necessary to prevent or to alleviate the effects of the emergency.

ORDERED by the Sean Bujtas, Mayor of the City of Terrace this date, May 17, 2023, to remain in force for seven days until May 24, 2023 at midnight unless cancelled by the City of Terrace or the Minister responsible.

Sean Bujtas - Mayor
City of Terrace