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Residents Warned of Possible Flooding

The City of Campbell River is warning property owners near the Campbell River and Quinsam River to prepare for possible flooding by the end of the week.

“Due to a combination of extreme rainfall and mild temperatures causing snow melt, BC Hydro has advised us that they are experiencing exceptional levels of inflow into the Strathcona reservoir,” explains Ron Neufeld, general manager of operations for the City.

“BC Hydro has advised that they are forecasting a fairly significant storm over the next few days and that they have limited storage capacity left in their reservoirs, despite the fact that they have been releasing as much water as possible over the past week,” Neufeld adds.

“As a precaution, City crews are prepared to react in the event that the Campbell River overflows its banks this weekend,” says Mayor Charlie Cornfield. *“We are also requesting those people who live near the Campbell River and Quinsam River to be prepared for the possibility of flooding.”*

“The City and Strathcona Regional District emergency preparedness personnel are closely monitoring the situation,” Neufeld says. *“We’re in regular contact with BC Hydro personnel to ensure we have the most current information available and that necessary resources are available to respond if needed.”*

People who need more information about how to prepare for potential flooding should contact the Strathcona Regional District office at 250-830-6702 (toll free at 1-877-830-2990).

Campbell River is not the only community to face the threat of flooding due to weather conditions. The City of Courtenay has recently experienced two flooding events.

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