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Storm Event

In reaction to the major storm event, City crews are responding to numerous issues throughout the community this morning.

Tree blow-downs have occurred throughout the City creating road blockages and power outages. *“Our priority during these sorts of events is always safety”*, explained Ron Neufeld, the City’s General Manager of Operations. *“We want to ensure that we are taking all steps necessary to keep the community and our crews safe while working to maintain services.”*

Tree blow-downs have caused various road closures. Closures are located at Alder Street near the Sportsplex and along Dogwood Street through the Beaver Lodge Forest. Evergreen Road at Murphy Street, Galerno Road between Simms and Rockland and Highway 19A are also affected.

City crews are currently working to remove downed trees and to re-open these roads as quickly as possible, explained Neufeld.

Power outages are also requiring that many of the City’s water and wastewater systems rely on backup generators until the power is restored. Flooding is also a concern, particularly when the high winds combine with high tides.

Residents are asked to contact the City’s Dogwood Operations Centre at 250-286-4033 to report problems.

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