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## RESIDENTS RETURN HOME AND EVACUATION ORDER LIFTED

Evacuation alerts and state of local emergency remain in place.

On January 21, 2023, the City of Campbell River lifted the evacuation order put in place for 738 Island Highway South. Residents were notified immediately and were able to return home. The evacuation alert already in place for surrounding buildings was extended to include 738 Island Highway South.

Before allowing residents to return, a cleanup operation took place and debris was removed from the site. The City continues to work with geotechnical engineers to further investigate the slide, and the State of Local Emergency (SOLE) remains in place while the investigation is underway. Under BC's Emergency Program Act, a declared SOLE gives the City the authority to cause the evacuation of persons from the area and enter the impacted area.

*"Thank you to the residents of the affected buildings for their patience and cooperation as the City completed the necessary work to ensure it was safe to return to the site. We are extremely glad that residents were able to return to their homes over the weekend,"* says Drew Hadfield, Director of Operations. *"I'd also like to thank the supporting agencies, staff and volunteers for their incredible efforts to make the return happen as efficiently as possible."*

The City will provide updates as the investigation continues. For the latest updates, visit [www.campbellriver.ca](http://www.campbellriver.ca).

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