

Residents facing Evacuation Alert strongly encouraged to plan ahead

(Penticton, BC – August 20, 2020) – The City is strongly encouraging residents who live within the Evacuation Alert area to plan ahead by registering online with Emergency Support Services (ESS) and take steps to prepare for a possible evacuation.

“We’re asking our residents to take this important proactive measure to ensure they’re prepared in case they have to leave their home suddenly,” said Penticton Mayor, John Vassilaki. “Now is the time to be taking these critical planning and preparation steps for yourself and your family.”

Residents facing an Evacuation Alert or Order are encouraged to register with ESS at <https://ess.gov.bc.ca>, which provides the Provincial government with your contact information. This process takes less than five minutes and users should indicate they are evacuating from Penticton. Residents are asked not go in person to the Reception Centre at 199 Ellis Street unless they face an Evacuation Order.

Please be aware, residents living within the current evacuation alert area may notice fire apparatus and equipment. This equipment is present as part proactive planning firefighting measures.

The City has created a webpage to provide a central resource of information and updates involving the current wildfire situation. Visit penticton.ca/wildfireupdates and check back frequently for updates. This page also contains information about what to do during an Evacuation Alert or Order.

“Thousands of us are in this situation together right now and it’s heartwarming to see the support resonating through the community. Thank you to everyone who is offering support to help others in need,” said Vassilaki.

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