

Penticton ESS Demobilizes After Summer Wildfire Responses

(Penticton, BC – September 20, 2021) – After an unprecedented ten weeks of operating to support BC’s wildfire response over the summer, Penticton’s Emergency Support Services (ESS) team officially demobilized today. The team first activated on Sunday, July 11, 2021 to support evacuees impacted by the Thomas Creek Wildfire. Its last official task was to virtually support White Rock Lake Wildfire evacuees over this past weekend.

Penticton ESS will continue to work with Emergency Management BC, municipalities and First Nations across the southern interior, and local businesses over the next few months to support several families who remain in the Penticton area as they continue to be unable to return home.

“On behalf of Council and all our residents, I extend a whole-hearted thanks to the ESS team and volunteers for their hard work and long hours helping those in need during this summer’s challenging wildfire season”, said Penticton Mayor, John Vassilaki. “If it wasn’t for ESS, along with all wildfire crews, our overall response would not have been effective. All residents of Penticton, and elsewhere, greatly appreciate the ESS team for their assistance, preparation and professionalism.”

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