



## MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR



It's been a busy few months at the City of Abbotsford for our infrastructure Recovery team, and our City crews have been making steady progress repairing sites that were damaged by the floods, including roads, landslide sites and debris-cleanup around creek banks. We have now reopened Straiton Road, installed a temporary bridge at Lakemount Road, and made roadway/embankment erosion repairs across Sumas Prairie. Repair work is also underway on four of our City parks. Of the approximately 300 sites damaged, City crews and contractors have now completed repairs to 150 of them. The Recovery Team is prioritizing the remaining projects, getting necessary approvals, and scoping, tendering and working with senior levels of government.

Turning to the Provincial recovery process, as Mayor, I am pleased with the Ministry of Agriculture's recent announcement introducing their new Flood Recovery Program, which will provide \$228 million in aid to farmers across the province affected by the floods to help them return to production. With Provincial funding now available for both small and larger operations, I encourage all Sumas Prairie farmers to visit [www.gov.bc.ca/agrifloodrecovery](http://www.gov.bc.ca/agrifloodrecovery) to understand their options. While this provincial funding is certainly good news, it is only just the start for the agriculture community and I am hopeful more support for both our farmers and our community as a whole, will be announced in the upcoming provincial budget announcement.

As promised, I continue to request funding and support from senior levels of government and continue to push for their help with

our long-term solutions and infrastructure needs. And as we continue our work towards developing long-term flood mitigation projects, we will be providing residents with the opportunity to view some of the proposed solutions, and will provide opportunities to you to offer feedback as well.

While I know there is still a lot of work ahead of us, the City of Abbotsford, and its residents, have proven our collective resilience and I am optimistic we will continue to receive the senior levels of support we need for our federal and provincial governments, our farms will start producing once again and our City will build back stronger than it was before.

**Henry Braun**  
Mayor

## QUICK FACTS: INFRASTRUCTURE IMPACTS



165 kilometers of City roads inspected - 84 sites with damage



31 bridges inspected - 13 damaged



21 landslides across the City (Mt. Lehman to Majuba Hill)



1,100 properties placed on Evacuation Order



1 Cemetery and 19 City parks/trails damaged



Debris such as hay bales, tires, scrap metal and sediment was strewn across the Sumas Prairie, on road right-of-ways, in ditches and watercourses



9 dyke breach and erosion sites - the largest being a 100 metres wide stretch between Marion and No. 4 Roads



1,100 metres of water main damage sustained along South Parallel and No. 4 Roads

## QUICK FACTS: REPAIRS TO DATE



84 sites of City road repairs completed



59 sites being assessed by the City's Insurance provider



Temporary replacement bridge at Lakemount Road installed



7 landslide repairs completed



5 dyke repairs completed and 4 temporary mitigation methods installed



Installation completed on 1,100 metres of damaged water main



Restoration work started at Delair, Matsqui, Hougén and MacDonald Parks



Estimated Recovery damages are approximately \$60 million to-date and that figure will adjust over time as more damages are found. We are working with the City's insurance provider to assess the damages of 59 insured sites throughout the City - those costs will be on top of the \$60 million in damages already accumulated. The Recovery team is working on prioritizing all outstanding repairs.

## STILL TO COME

✔ The Infrastructure Recovery team is working on the development of a long-term strategy for the City on how it will approach the rebuilding process that will take place over the next several years.

Watch the Feb. 28 Recovery Plan Update to Council at [abbotsford.ca/returnhome#city](http://abbotsford.ca/returnhome#city)

- Repair water damage and sewage backup at Barrowtown Pump Station.
- Survey work in the Sumas River and the Sumas Lake Bottom Canal to estimate the volume of sediment accumulation for removal.
- Working on a plan and getting approvals to begin culvert and ditch/watercourse cleaning.



GET THE LATEST UPDATES ON OUR RECOVERY AND REBUILDING EFFORTS BY VISITING [ABBOTSFORD.CA/RETURNHOME](http://ABBOTSFORD.CA/RETURNHOME).

## DID YOU KNOW?

- The Provincial Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure is responsible for all Highway repairs, including Highway 11 and Highway 1.
- Affected individuals can get recovery support from the Canadian Red Cross. They can help with personalized recovery supports, housing repairs, reconstruction supports, interim house and basic needs assistance. Visit [www.redcross.ca](http://www.redcross.ca) for more information.
- The City is participating in an unmet needs committee called the Abbotsford Flood Relief & Rebuilding NGO Group. This is a collaborative group of local and regional agencies that share the common mandate of assisting disaster victims. Its function is to evaluate the needs of the impacted residents and determine what assistance might be available, such as physical help with cleaning, psychosocial, or financial aid.
- The City is working with the Abbotsford Business Community Coalition to coordinate a community-level response to businesses and farms affected by the flood and provide resources and business planning services. Businesses are encouraged to take the flood survey to share their levels of impact. Take the survey today at [letstalkabbotsford.ca/business-flood-survey-impact-businesses](http://letstalkabbotsford.ca/business-flood-survey-impact-businesses)

## DIRECTORY OF RESOURCES

<b>KEY CONTACTS:</b>	<b>GENERAL INQUIRIES</b> 📞 604-864-5688	<b>BUILDING ASSESSMENT INQUIRIES</b> 📞 604-504-4049	<b>NEWSLETTER SIGN-UP</b> 🌐 <a href="http://abbotsford.ca/returnhome">abbotsford.ca/returnhome</a>
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<b>PERSONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY</b>			📞	🌐
Health Link BC	8-1-1			<a href="http://www.healthlinkbc.ca">www.healthlinkbc.ca</a>
BC Mental Health Support Line	604-310-6789			
Fraser Health Crisis Line	604-951-8855			
Kids Help Line	Text <b>TALK</b> to 686868			
First Nations Health Authority Crisis Line	1-800-588-8717			<a href="http://www.fnha.ca">www.fnha.ca</a>
<b>BUILDING AND PROPERTY SAFETY</b>			📞	🌐
Rapid Damage Assessments	604-504-4049			<a href="http://www.abbotsford.ca/returnhome#rapid">www.abbotsford.ca/returnhome#rapid</a>
Prepared BC - Flooding/Landslides				<a href="http://www2.gov.bc.ca">www2.gov.bc.ca</a>
Fraser Health Flood Watch Tips				<a href="http://www.abbotsford.ca/floodwatchtips">www.abbotsford.ca/floodwatchtips</a>
<b>REMIEDIATING YOUR PROPERTY</b>			📞	🌐
Tips on Cleaning up After a Flood - Health Link BC				<a href="http://www.abbotsford.ca/cleaningupafterflood">www.abbotsford.ca/cleaningupafterflood</a>
Mennonite Disaster Services	1-866-261-1274			
Canadian Red Cross	1-800-418-1111			<a href="http://www.redcross.ca">www.redcross.ca</a>
<b>UTILITIES AND SERVICES</b>			📞	🌐
Fortis BC Natural Gas	1-888-224-2710			<a href="http://www.fortisbc.com">www.fortisbc.com</a>
Fortis BC Electricity	1-866-436-7847			<a href="http://www.fortisbc.com">www.fortisbc.com</a>
BC Hydro	1-800-224-9376			<a href="http://www.bchydro.com">www.bchydro.com</a>
Natural Disaster Protocol for Electrical and Gas				<a href="http://www.technicalsaftybc.ca">www.technicalsaftybc.ca</a>
Find a Licensed Contractor				<a href="http://www.technicalsaftybc.ca">www.technicalsaftybc.ca</a>   <a href="http://www.fortisbc.com">www.fortisbc.com</a>
Fraser Health Drinking Water Advisories				<a href="http://www.fraserhealth.ca">www.fraserhealth.ca</a>
Disinfecting Drinking Water				<a href="http://www.abbotsford.ca/disinfectingdrinkingwater">www.abbotsford.ca/disinfectingdrinkingwater</a>
Well Water Testing				<a href="http://www.healthlinkbc.ca">www.healthlinkbc.ca</a>
Septic System Practitioners				<a href="https://owrp.asttbc.org/c/finder.php">https://owrp.asttbc.org/c/finder.php</a>
<b>WASTE, DEBRIS, AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS</b>			📞	🌐
Report a Hazardous Material Spills	1-800-663-3456			<a href="http://www2.gov.bc.ca">www2.gov.bc.ca</a>
Report a Potential Gas Leak	9-1-1   1-800-663-9911	<small>Fortis BC 24 HOURS</small>		<a href="http://www.fortisbc.com">www.fortisbc.com</a>
<b>AGRICULTURE, ANIMALS AND LIVESTOCK</b>			📞	🌐
AgSafe BC				<a href="http://www.agsafebc.ca">www.agsafebc.ca</a>
Ministry of Agriculture/Agri Service BC	1-888-221-7141			<a href="http://www.gov.bc.ca/agriservicebc">www.gov.bc.ca/agriservicebc</a>
City of Abbotsford Agriculture Resource Map				<a href="https://tours.zoomprospector.com/ABBOTSFORD/tour/328">https://tours.zoomprospector.com/ABBOTSFORD/tour/328</a>
<b>ROADS AND MOTOR VEHICLES</b>			📞	🌐
Highway Road Status and Conditions				<a href="http://www.drivebc.ca/mobile/events/index.html">www.drivebc.ca/mobile/events/index.html</a>
Lost or Damaged Vehicles	604-520-8222   1-800-910-4222			<a href="http://www.icbc.com">www.icbc.com</a>
<b>INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE</b>			📞	🌐
Insurance Bureau of Canada	604-684-3635			<a href="http://www.ibt.ca/bc/">www.ibt.ca/bc/</a>
Financial Assistance in a Disaster				<a href="http://www2.gov.bc.ca">www2.gov.bc.ca</a>
Canadian Red Cross	1-800-863-6582			<a href="http://www.redcross.ca">www.redcross.ca</a>
<b>NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS</b>			📞	🌐
Canadian Red Cross	1-800-863-6582			<a href="http://www.redcross.ca">www.redcross.ca</a>
Mennonite Disaster Service	1-866-261-1274			<a href="http://www.mds.org/unit/british-columbia">www.mds.org/unit/british-columbia</a>
BC Economic Development Association				<a href="https://tinyurl.com/3kuybmx">https://tinyurl.com/3kuybmx</a>