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## Alert Issued for Unprotected Area (North of CN Railway) in Glen Valley

**Abbotsford, May 16, 2018** – The City of Abbotsford is issuing an evacuation alert for the unprotected area north of the CN Railway in Glen Valley announced Mayor Henry Braun. This is not an evacuation order.

Residents are encouraged to be ready to evacuate under short notice by packing several days of clothing, medications, toiletries, and important documents in the case of an evacuation order.

“We would like to thank residents of Glen Valley for their understanding and cooperation as rising water levels may cause roads, trails, and access to some of their homes to be shut down,” said Mayor Henry Braun, “We encourage all residents to follow the advice of emergency officials and be prepared to act quickly should an evacuation order be issued.”

The Evacuation Alert is part of a Flood Response Plan that is followed by the City of Abbotsford each year during freshet season. As the Fraser River rises, monitoring and levels of action also escalate to ensure public safety. Water levels at the Mission Gauge measured 5.7 meters as of May 16<sup>th</sup> 2018.

Sand and bags are available at the intersection of River Road and Bradner south of the railtracks. Residents are responsible for the assembly, transportation and placement of the bags.

Detailed flood information is available on the City’s website at [www.abbotsford.ca/freshet2018](http://www.abbotsford.ca/freshet2018) and also available through the @abbotsford app. Residents are encouraged to download the app and ‘allow’ notifications from the app as users will receive notifications right to their smart device when and if the freshet conditions change. The City website provides flood information for the Fraser River, including emergency planning and response, runoff conditions and information for residents living in the floodplain. Residents in the floodplain are advised to familiarize themselves with the flood preparedness information.

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