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From: Turner, Jordan GCPE:EX
Sent: January 27, 2022 3:54 PM
To: Brown, Tom G EMBC:EX; Johnston, Cole EMBC:EX
Subject: FW: Draft Statement so far - Need Provincial Actions ASAP

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Sent: November 16, 2021 10:30 PM
To: Richards, Tara R EMBC:EX <Tara.Richards@gov.bc.ca>; Maley, Madeline L EMBC:EX <Madeline.Maley@gov.bc.ca>
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Here is where we are at:

Statement from Mike Farnworth, Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General

"The City of Abbotsford has issued an immediate and urgent notice to all residents that did not evacuate the Sumas Prairie earlier today to evacuate immediately.

"The City has indicated that conditions within the Sumas Prairie within the last hour have escalated and pose a significant risk to life due to the imminent failure of the Barrowtown Pump Station.

"This evening, I have been in continual contact Mayor Braun, and Emergency Management BC has been working with Abbotsford Emergency Management staff and the Abbotsford Police Department.

"Emergency Management BC has been ready and available to issue a broadcast intrusive alert through the Alert Ready system. The City of Abbotsford has indicated that they do not want to issue an alert at this time. While the Province issues alerts, it is the city of Abbotsford's decision to send.

"The Province is supporting the City of Abbotsford by sending flood mitigation equipment, organizing ground support including firefighters from around the region, and standing ready to issue a broadcast intrusive alert should the experts on the ground provide that direction.

"I have also been in contact with Minister Blair to request federal assistance on this incident and the flooding situation in general. This includes Canadian Armed Forces ground and air support.

"This event is anticipated to be catastrophic. Residents who can't evacuate safely, please call 9-1-1 and report your location immediately."

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And could say evac to you local authorities designated location

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I would suggest we use "broadcast intrusive alerts"

While the Province issues broadcast intrusive alerts, it is the city of Abbotsford's decision to send.

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On Nov 16, 2021, at 10:10 PM, Turner, Jordan GCPE:EX <Jordan.Turner@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

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"The Province is supporting the City of Abbotsford by...

"If you are in the Sumas Prairie and have not already evacuated, you must do so immediately. Do not stay for livestock or animals. Flood conditions have escalated quickly and pose a significant risk to life. This event is anticipated to be catastrophic. Residents who can't evacuate safely, please call 9-1-1 and report your location immediately."

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Subject: FW: Statement for V5
Attachments: MMF Statement -.docx

Final coming in separate email

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This is what was signed off. Going soon.

From: Turner, Jordan GCPE:EX
Sent: November 16, 2021 10:41 PM
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Subject: Statement for V5

Statement attached for V5 asap

Going to all Majors and Lower Mainland

Thanks,

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STATEMENT

For Immediate Release
November 16, 2021

Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor
General
Emergency Management BC

Minister's statement on flooding emergency in Sumas Prairie

VICTORIA – Mike Farnworth, Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General, has released the following statement:

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"Abbotsford officials are in the process of directly contacting all those affected by this notice.

"The Province is supporting the City of Abbotsford with any resources they need. I have also been in contact with Minister Blair to request federal assistance on this incident and the flooding situation in general. This includes Canadian Armed Forces ground and air support.

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