



PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT

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Evacuation Order Remains in Effect for Old Fort; New Evacuation Alert Due to Increasing Risk

The Peace River Regional District (PRRD) confirms that an **Evacuation Order remains in effect** for the Old Fort area due to an active landslide and ongoing risk to safety resulting from the closure of Old Fort Road by the Ministry of Transportation and Transit (MoTT).

An **Evacuation Alert has also been issued for areas west and north of the existing Order** based on updated technical assessments and increased risk. Vehicles parked on either side of the landslide may be at risk.

There is no safe road access to or from the community.

Emergency Support Services (ESS) renewals for evacuated residents happening today.

Current Situation

The landslide remains active, with ongoing ground movement posing a continued risk to safety.

According to the Ministry of Transportation and Transit (MoTT), the slide continues to move and sections of Old Fort Road have been destroyed or displaced. MoTT has identified debris buildup, visible cracking, and water pooling within the slide area. These conditions may cause changes in movement, including speed and direction, and there is potential for the landslide to extend beyond the current area.

The Ministry of Transportation and Transit (MoTT) has identified, through current assessments, that the west side of the Evacuation Order is a risk area. This area was also impacted by the 2018 landslide and cannot be considered safe at this time.

Emergency services and essential resources are unable to reach Old Fort.

MoTT continues to monitor and evaluate the situation. There is no timeline available for when access may be restored.

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Safety Information

The landslide area and surrounding ground are extremely dangerous.

Vehicles parked near the landslide are at increased risk due to ongoing ground movement. Residents are advised not to approach, stop, or park near the landslide area, or beyond the Traffic control point, under any circumstances.

Residents who remain in the area should stay in a safe location, remain well clear of the landslide and surrounding debris, and be prepared for rapidly changing conditions.

Anyone in immediate danger should call **9-1-1**.

Response and Ongoing Support

The PRRD Emergency Operations Centre continues to focus on supporting residents and ensuring their safety as the situation evolves.

Emergency Support Services (ESS) remain available for evacuated residents and will continue to provide support until the Evacuation Order is lifted.

ESS reception and renewals are available today at the Pomeroy Sport Centre (2nd Floor, East Lobby), 9324 96 St, Fort St. John, BC V1J 6J8, - 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM. Evacuated residents requiring continued support are encouraged to attend.

Next Steps

The Ministry of Transportation and Transit will continue to monitor and assess the situation. PRRD continues to work with provincial partners to monitor conditions and determine next steps.

Further updates will be provided as more information becomes available.

For further information that may pertain to the landslide:

- [PRRD.bc.ca](https://prrd.bc.ca)
- PRRD Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/OfficialPRRD>
- Emergency information email is also available for public inquires, please email emergency-info@prrd.bc.ca
- Check Road Conditions: Visit [DriveBC.ca](https://drivebc.ca) for the latest information on any road closures or detours that may be in place due to wildfire activity.
- Check [BC Parks](#) for any parks & trails closures as they may be impacted
- Updates will be shared at prrd.bc.ca and PRRD social media channels

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