



PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT

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EVACUATION ORDER REMAINS IN EFFECT FOR OLD FORT DUE TO ACTIVE LANDSLIDE

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.

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

CURRENT SITUATION

The Old Fort landslide remains active and conditions continue to evolve.

The road is significantly impacted and is not safe for travel. There is no safe road access to or from the community. As a result, **emergency services are currently unable to access the area, and essential supplies cannot be delivered at this time**.

The Ministry of Transportation and Transit is responsible for the roadway and their experts will continue to assess and evaluate the situation. They report that while the landslide continues to be active, no timeline for restoration of access can be estimated.

This is a rapidly evolving situation, and decisions have been made in real time based on changing conditions and expert assessment. From the moment the issue was reported on Sunday, actions were taken immediately to understand the situation and respond as the risk became clear.

A coordinated evacuation was carried out last night during a limited period when emergency crews and the Ministry of Transportation and Transit determined it was safe to provide access. This allowed residents to leave safely with support in place.

Some residents may still be in the area. Conditions continue to be assessed, and guidance is being provided based on safety. Evacuated residents will continue to receive ESS supports until the Evacuation Order is lifted.

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The focus remains on supporting residents and providing updates as more information becomes available.

EMERGENCY SUPPORT SERVICES

Emergency Support Services are available for evacuated residents, contact ESS at **250-263-3109**. Evacuated residents will continue to receive ESS assistance until the Evacuation Order is lifted.

Residents who have evacuated are encouraged to access these supports as needed.

KEY INFORMATION FOR RESIDENTS

- The Evacuation Order remains in effect
- There is no safe access to or from Old Fort
- Travel into the area is not permitted
- Emergency services access is currently not available

Residents who remain in the area are advised to stay in a safe location, avoid the landslide area, conserve essential supplies, and be prepared for further instructions.

Call **9-1-1** if you are in immediate danger.

WHY AN EVACUATION ORDER WAS ISSUED

The Evacuation Order was issued due to the loss of safe access to the community.

Without road access:

- Emergency medical response cannot reach residents
- Essential supplies such as food, water, and fuel cannot be delivered

While there is no confirmed impact to structures at this time, conditions are changing and a full geotechnical assessment is ongoing.

The decision was made to prioritize resident safety, informed by current conditions and recommendations from previous events.

NEXT UPDATE

The Ministry of Transportation and Transit will continue to monitor and assess the situation. Check DriveBC and other MoTT channels for their updates.

The next update will be provided at **5:00 PM**, or sooner if new information becomes available.

For further information that may pertain to the landslide:

- [PRRD.bc.ca](http://prrd.bc.ca)
- <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 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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