



## **PUBLIC SAFETY NOTICE - May 11, 2018**

# ***SPRING RUNOFF SAFETY & FLOOD PRECAUTIONS***

## **TO THE RESIDENTS OF NELSON AND AREA**

Spring rain showers and higher daytime temperatures are starting to fuel rising levels in creeks and streams within the City of Nelson. In addition, the melting snowpack from low and mid-elevations are adding to the spring freshet (runoff) which in turn, is creating the potential for flooding and fast moving waterways.

At the present time there are no specific areas of concern. However, in recent weeks, the low level snowmelt and rainfall have caused a few instances of localized pooling and flooding that have affected areas not usually prone to flooding.

Staff from Public Works are monitoring the creek levels and are cautioning all residents and visitors to take extreme care in the vicinity of all inland waterways as water levels are on the rise and water is flowing faster. Be aware that water levels may rise unexpectedly, so people and their pets should stay safely back from creek banks, which may be slippery or subject to erosion from the spring runoff.

Residents who live on or near a creek, should exercise extreme caution and avoid any activity close to the creek. However, if you have items on your property that could potentially block flow of the creek, please ensure these items are moved a safe distance away. Eg. Compost bin, firewood, building materials. In some cases, sandbags may be required should creek levels continue to rise.

### **SANDBAGS ARE NOW AVAILABLE**

Property owners who have had flooding issues in the past should consider protecting their property and reducing the risk of damage from potential flooding.

- Empty sandbags are available under the orange bridge (Lakeside Park Parking Lot). **24/7**
- There is a large sand pile under the orange bridge for the public to fill sandbags (Lakeside Park Parking Lot).
- The public is asked to fill their own sandbags.
- Please bring a shovel / scoop to fill.
- Do no over-fill the sandbags.
- There is a limited supply of sandbags, so residents/businesses are asked to please take only what you need.

**Flood Preparedness and Sandbagging Tips:** <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/emergency-preparedness-response-recovery/preparedbc/know-the-risks/floods>

***In the case of an Emergency, call 911.***

***For more information on protecting your property,  
please call the Fire Hall at (250) 352-3103 or Public Works at (250) 352-8238.***



Fast moving water at Cottonwood Creek.

Photo Taken: May 11, 2018



Anderson Creek in Fairview

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