



# Regional Board Report

**TO:** Regional Board  
**FROM:** Brian Reardon  
Chief Administrative Officer  
**DATE:** May 10, 2017  
**SUBJECT:** Declaration of a State of Local Emergency

**Voting Entitlement:** *All Directors – Unweighted Corporate Vote – LGA 208.1*

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**Purpose:** Pursuant to the *Emergency Program Act* provide an update to the Regional Board on a Declaration of a State of Local Emergency.

Section 12 states “*the head of a local authority...is satisfied that an emergency exists or is imminent in the jurisdictional area for which the local authority has responsibility, declare a state of emergency relating to all or any part of the jurisdictional area.*”

## Executive Summary:

When flooding began to occur in the Regional District of Central Okanagan late last week and as there was a threat to property requiring prompt coordination, the Emergency Operation Center (EOC) was activated. The severity of the flood event in the Electoral Areas required a Declaration of a State of Local Emergency which was ordered by Chair Given on May 4<sup>th</sup> at 11:14 hours. The Declaration remains in effect until May 12<sup>th</sup> at 11:14 hours unless cancelled by order of the Regional District or the Solicitor General. The local authority may, with approval, extend the duration of a declaration of a state of local emergency for periods of not more than 7 days each. The EOC remains active with continued flood risk in many areas of the Central Okanagan.

## RECOMMENDATION:

**THAT** the Regional Board endorses and supports the Declaration of Emergency regarding the 2017 flooding, as declared by Chair Given on May 5, 2017.

Respectfully Submitted:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Brian Reardon'.

Brian Reardon  
Chief Administrative Officer

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Attachment: Declaration of a State of Local Emergency



## Declaration of a State of Local Emergency

### ORDER

WHEREAS flooding and land slippage has occurred in the Central Okanagan Regional District;

AND WHEREAS there is an imminent threat to life or property;

AND WHEREAS this flooding and land slippage requires prompt coordination of action or special regulation of persons or property to protect the health, safety or welfare of people or to limit damage to property;

NOW THEREFORE:

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED pursuant to Section 12 (1) of the Emergency Program Act (RS, 1996, Chap 111) that a state of local emergency exists in the Regional District of Central Okanagan Electoral Area West due to flooding and slope instability;

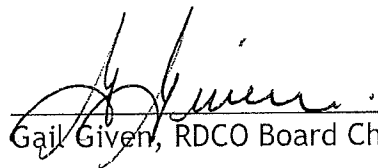
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT The Regional District of Central Okanagan, its employees, servants and agents are empowered pursuant to Section 13 (1) of the *Emergency Program Act* to do all acts and implement all procedures that are considered necessary to prevent or to alleviate the effects of the emergency, including:

- Acquire or use any land or personal property considered necessary to prevent, respond to or alleviate the effects of an emergency or disaster.
- Authorize or require any person to render assistance of a type that the person is qualified to provide or that otherwise is or may be required to prevent, respond to or alleviate the effects of an emergency or disaster.
- Control or prohibit travel to or from any area designated in the declaration within the local authority's jurisdiction.

- Provide for the restoration of essential facilities and the distribution of essential supplies and provide, maintain and coordinate emergency medical, welfare and other essential services in any part of the local authority's jurisdiction.
- Cause the evacuation of persons and the removal of livestock, animals and personal property from any area designated in the declaration within the local authority's jurisdiction that is or may be affected by an emergency or a disaster and make arrangements for the adequate care and protection of those persons, livestock, animals and personal property.
- Authorize the entry into any building or on any land, without warrant, by any person in the course of implementing an emergency plan or program or if otherwise considered by the local authority to be necessary to prevent, respond to or alleviate the effects of an emergency or disaster.
- Cause the demolition or removal of any trees, structures or crops if the demolition or removal is considered by the local authority to be necessary or appropriate in order to prevent, respond to or alleviate the effects of an emergency or disaster.
- Construct works considered by the local authority to be necessary or appropriate to prevent, respond to or alleviate the effects of an emergency or disaster.

AND BE IT ALSO KNOWN THAT The Regional District of Central Okanagan delegates these powers to the Director, or their delegate, of the Central Okanagan Emergency Operations Centre.

ORDERED by the Regional Board Chair this date 5 May 2017 at 11:14 hours to remain in force for seven days until 12 May 2017 at 11:14 hours unless cancelled by order of The Regional District of Central Okanagan or the Solicitor General.

  
Gail Given, RDCO Board Chair