



EMERGENCY UPDATE

May 16/2023 – 0900 AM

AGENDA

- WEATHER UPDATE
- SMOKE CONDITIONS
- FIRE UPDATE
- NEXT STEPS

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR ACTIVITIES

- DAILY COORDINATION CALLS WITH THE PROVINCIAL REGIONAL EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER (NORTH REGION)
 - INCLUDES UPDATES FROM ENVIRONMENT CANADA, THE RIVER FORECAST CENTER, BC WILDFIRE, THE INCIDENT RESPONSE TEAM FOR BC WILDFIRE IN FORT ST JOHN, EMERGENCY SUPPORT SERVICES, FNHA, AND THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION
- COORDINATION WITH HEALTH TEAM RE: ONGOING HEALTH CONCERNS AND FACILITATION OF SERVICES (RELATED TO WILDFIRE / SMOKE / HEAT)
- RESPONSE TO INQUIRY OR ANY AGENCY COORDINATION (FNHA, FNESS, BC WILDFIRE)



WEATHER

HOT & DRY

Hot and dry conditions are expected to continue into the weekend – unseasonably warm temperatures (25 – 30) will continue until Friday.

DROUGHT CONDITIONS

As a reminder – it is not only the sustained hot and dry conditions we are seeing now that are contributing to fire activity, but the sustained drought conditions which have been ongoing since February 2023.

WIND CONDITIONS

Major wind shift last night – with a cold front moving in from the north, and a strong northwest wind.

Current conditions can be expected into Wednesday morning.

Potential shift in wind direction on Wednesday.

SMOKE CONDITIONS

- PERSISTANT HEAVY SMOKE CONDITIONS ARE EXPECTED FOR THE NEXT 24 – 48 HOURS
- THE SMOKE IS MOSTLY FROM THE FIRES NORTH / NORTH EAST OF FORT ST JOHN (KEEPING IN MIND THERE ARE NOW OVER 30 ACTIVE FIRES IN THE AREA, COVERING OVER 50,000 HECTARES OF FORESTED SPACE)
- WE ARE WORKING ON ESTABLISHING A CLEAN AIR CENTER FOR RESIDENTS OF SFN TO ELIVIAE HEALTH EFFECTS
- AS A REMINDER – SMOKE EXPOSURE CAN CAUSE HEADACHES, FATIGUE, SORE OR RUNNY NOSE AND EYES, OR COUGHING. IF YOU ARE EXPERIENCING MORE EXTREME HEALTH EFFECTS, CONSULT WITH AN EMERGENCY HEALTH CENTER.

FIRE UPDATE

- DUE TO MULTIPLE CALLS / CONCERNS OF WILDFIRE WITHIN COMMUNITY YESTERDAY / LAST NIGHT, BC WILDFIRE ATTENDED THE COMMUNITY TO OBSERVE AND INVESTIGATE POSSIBLE REPORTS. CREWS WERE IN COMMUNITY FROM 6:00 – 10:00 PM
- CREWS SPOKE WITH AND TOOK DIRECTION FROM MANY LOCAL COMMUNITY MEMBERS AS PER POTENTIAL LOCATION OF FIRES OR SUSPECTED FIRES WITHIN OUR AREA
- UPDATE WAS PROVIDED AT 10:00 PM – **THERE ARE NO IDENTIFIED FIRES WITHIN OUR RESERVE OR ADJACENT TO OUR COMMUNITY AT THIS TIME.**
- SIMILARILY, SUSPECTED WILDFIRES IN MOBERLY LAKE & HUDSONS HOPE COULD NOT BE IDENTIFIED / DETECTED.



NEXT STEPS

- CONTINUE TO PUSH COMMUNITY MESSAGING BASED ON PREPAREDNESS AND VERIFIED INFORMATION
- OPENING / FACILITATION OF A CLEAN AIR CENTER FOR COMMUNITY USE DURING EXTREME SMOKE CONDITIONS
- CONTINUED COORDINATION WITH BC WILDFIRE (AND ASSOCIATED AGENCIES) AS SITUATION DEVELOPS
- MOST UPDATED INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE FROM SFN COMMUNICATIONS – SOCIAL MEDIA & EMAIL LISTS
- FLOOD WATCH IS ONGOING