



Minnekhada Regional Park

Regional Emergency Management in a Changing Hazard Landscape

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AGENDA

- Regional Overview
- Climate Change Impacts
- Emergency Response
- Disaster Debris Management
- Lessons Learned & Solutions



Helicopters bucketing affected areas



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23 Member Jurisdictions

2.8 Million Residents

53% of BC population

61% of BC GDP

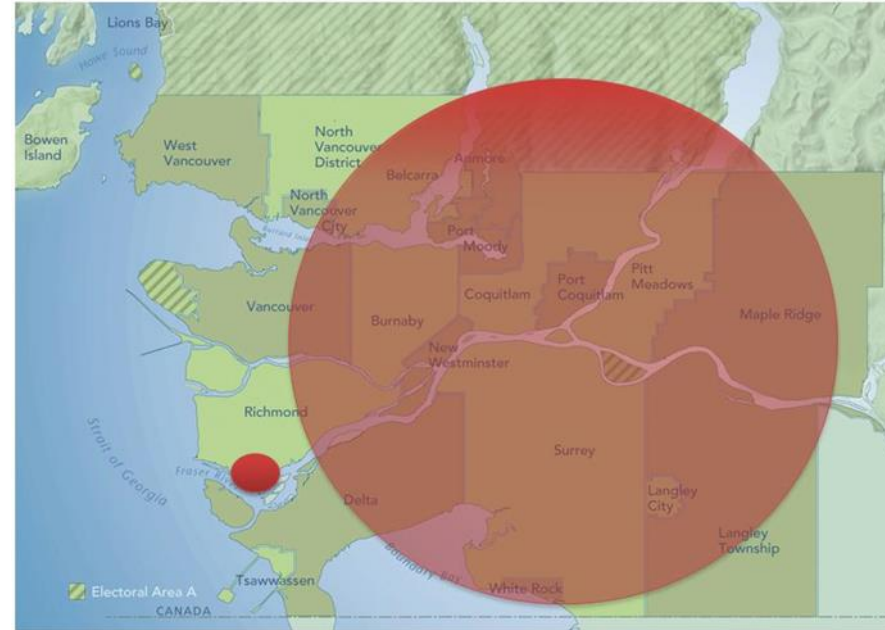
\$7 billion critical infrastructure investments over the next 5 years



EVENTS OF REGIONAL EMERGENCY SIGNIFICANCE

A major event that **has** (or has **the potential to have**) an **extraordinary level of risk** to lives, property, environment, social and/or economic well being **across jurisdictional boundaries** in the region, which could require one or more of the following:

- Non-routine levels of coordination
- Sharing of situational awareness information
- Joint decision making
- Prioritizing resources
- Allocating resources
- Response by multiple stakeholders, agencies and jurisdictions



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A FEW STATS & FACTS



- BC warmed an average of 1.4 °C per from 1900 to 2013, largely due to increased greenhouse gases from human activity¹.
- Province-wide average annual precipitation increased by an average of 12% (from 10 to 21% by region) from 1900 to 2013².
- In 2023, Canada experienced 6,623 wildfires burning 18,401,197 Ha, the 10-year average is 5,597 fires consuming 2,751,161 Ha³.
- Between April 1 and October 31, BC experienced 2,245 wildfires resulting in a provincial state of emergency for a total of 28 days⁴.
- The province of BC had 3 provincial declarations of emergency between 1948 and 2013, it has had 6 since 2017.

LIVING THE CHANGE: Examples from the last month...

12:58 B.C. snow: Records broken... bc.ctvnews.ca

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Snowfall records broken on B.C.'s South Coast

BREAKING NEWS SNOW & FREEZING RAIN FALLING ON SOUTH COAST

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Snow and freezing rain fall on South Coast

Freezing rain risk in the Mainland Thursday

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Global NEWS LIGHT

DBT Centre Fraser Valley

DBT Program in Abbotsford OPEN

WEATHER

35 temperature records washed away in B.C. in wake of atmospheric river

By **Kathy Michaels** • Global News
Posted January 30, 2024 10:28 am

City	New	Old
Vancouver	11.7	1902 7.4
Pitt Meadows	10.3	1905 7.2
Victoria	10.0	1908 8.5
Comox	9.7	1908 7.7

Monday's Record Lows

Mild air is engulfing most of B.C.'s South Coast, but the temperatures will soon shift. Senior meteorologist Kristi Gordon has the details in your Mon., January 29, 2024, forecast for Metro Vancouver and British Columbia.

12:49 CBC | MENU

NEWS Sections

Canada

Western Canada melts as weather swings from extreme cold to record highs, rain

Region is experiencing 'weather whiplash' this winter, meteorologist says

Kevin Malmann • CBC News
Posted: Jan 31, 2024 1:00 AM PST | Last Updated: 12 hours ago

Flooding from heavy rain is pictured in fields in Abbotsford, B.C., on Jan. 29, 2024. Abbotsford set a January temperature record Tuesday amid an

12:50 bc.ctvnews.ca/93-year-o

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BREAKING NEWS: Just-released rental report shows record-low vacancies in Canada

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93-year-old temperature records broken in B.C.

JAN. 29 TEMPERATURE RECORDS TOPPLE ACROSS B.C.

- Vancouver: New record of 14.3 C, old record of 13.3 C set in 1940
- Richmond: New record of 14.4 C, old record of 13.3 C set in 1940
- West Vancouver: New record of 12.3 C, old record of 14 set in 1988
- 21,000+ maximum temperatures broken

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12:55 Evacuation alert expanded... From globalnews.ca - delivered

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ENVIRONMENT

Evacuation alert expanded in multiple Pemberton Valley areas due to flood risk

By **Darrian Matassa-Fung** • Global News
Posted January 31, 2024 2:32 pm EST
3 min read

BREAKING NEWS Pemberton State of Local Emergency

RELATED VIDEO: A state of emergency has been declared after heavy rainfall and snow melt have caused the level of the Lillooet River in the Pemberton Valley to rise rapidly.

The ongoing evacuation alert in the Pemberton Valley area was expanded on

EMERGENCY RESPONSE

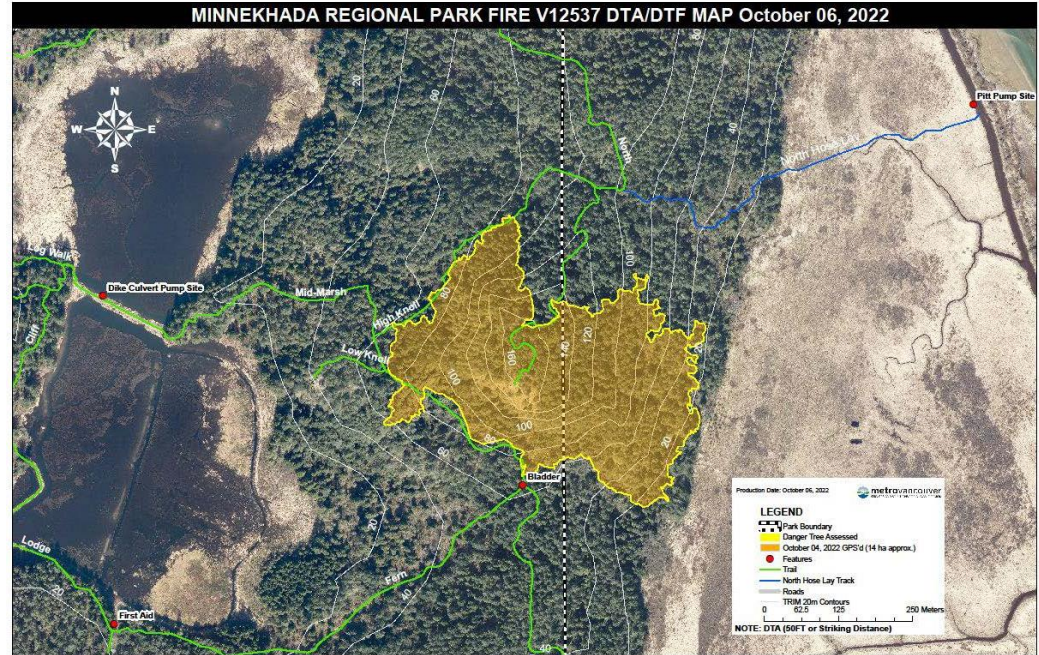
- Minnekhada Regional Park Wildfire
- Peaked at 14 hectares
- By end of day by Tuesday October 4, 100% contained and hose wrapped
- 50-foot wet line around the fire perimeter
- By Wednesday, October 5, the fire had been reduced to a slow creeping ground fire
- BC Wildfire Service classified the fire as “under control”
- Intermittent smoke remained visible from isolated hot spots



MV Crews douse ground fire

EMERGENCY RESPONSE

- Implement Emergency Management Plans, Emergency Response Plans, and Incident Action Plan
- Activate Incident Command Post and Emergency Operations Centre
- Take proactive measures to protect residents, responders, and assets
- Liaise with partnering municipalities



Minnehada Regional Park Aerial View

DELTA TRAIN DERAILMENT

Derailed rail cars

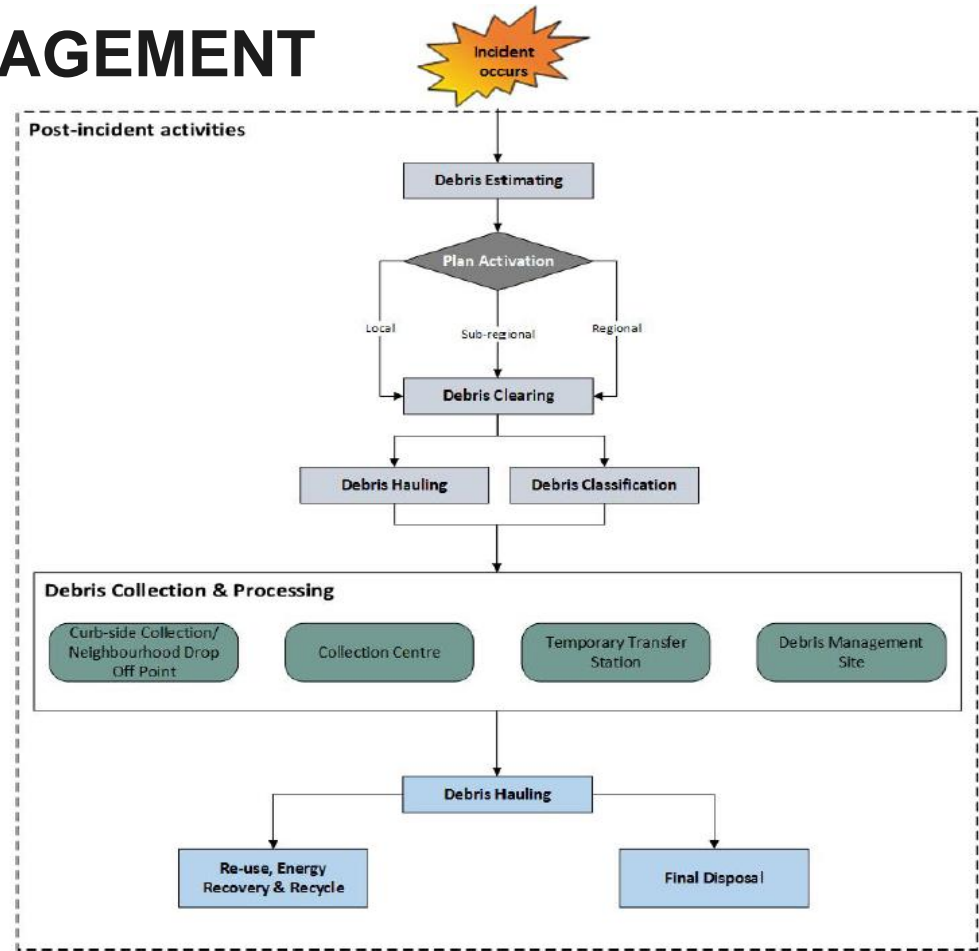


Metro Vancouver liquid waste line
lightly buried

Approx. 18,000 L of diesel
from locomotives

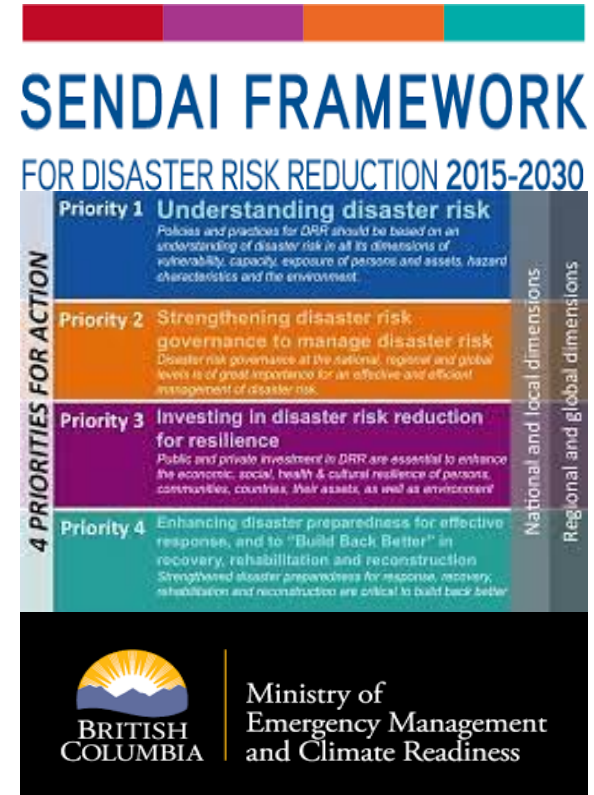
1 of 3 LPG (propane)
cars derailed

DISASTER DEBRIS MANAGEMENT



LESSONS LEARNED & SOLUTIONS

- ✓ Disasters know no boundaries
- ✓ BC adopted the UN Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction in 2018
- ✓ Emergency Management BC is now Emergency Management & Climate Readiness BC
- ✓ In the past year, BC has adopted the new Emergency and Disaster Management Act to reflect the changing world and integrate adaptation commitments.
- ✓ Increased focus and capacity





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