

PRESS RELEASE

Village of Fort Simpson / Liidlii Kue

May 04, 2021

Regarding: Possible Evacuation of the Community in event of Flooding

The Fort Simpson Flood Planning Committee met on May 04, 2021 to discuss how **increasing cases of Covid** in Yellowknife might affect a possible evacuation of village residents.

Change #1

The Village will now actively support off island camping at the Village's Fire Dept. training grounds (directly across the highway from Rowe's construction). Water, wood, toilets, picnic tables, and some cooking facilities will be set up by the Emergency Measures Organization to assist those that wish to use these facilities. A limited number of tents and blankets will be available for those who do not have any camping gear. This is first come first serve basis. Please bring your own stuff if you have it.

Change #2

People **absolutely needing** to leave the community will be able to register to get on an airplane to Yellowknife and be booked into appropriate accommodations. A check stop or muster point will be setup as you leave the island to determine who immediately needs to leave.

The emergency committee wants to emphasize that preparation is everyone's responsibility, including those living off the island. It is important that everyone plan for themselves. Circumstances may change and we will keep the public updated as soon as anything changes.