

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

Village of Fort Simpson

**Evacuation Alert Issued for the Community of Fort Simpson, NT**

The Mayor and Council of the Village of Fort Simpson wish to advise all residents that, based on information received from the Government of the Northwest Territories Department of Environment and Climate Change (ECC), an Evacuation Alert is now in effect for the community.

A lightning-caused wildfire is currently burning approximately 8 kilometres from the Fort Simpson Airport. While there is no evacuation order at this time, conditions can change rapidly. This Evacuation Alert is being issued to ensure that residents are prepared should an evacuation become necessary.

All residents are strongly encouraged to register immediately by visiting the Village of Fort Simpson website at <https://www.gov.nt.ca/en/form/evac> or by registering in person between the hours of 9:00am to 10:00pm at the Fort Simpson Recreation Centre.

Registering in advance allows emergency officials to communicate important information quickly and helps ensure that appropriate assistance can be provided if an evacuation becomes necessary. In the event of an evacuation, the Recreation Centre in Yellowknife will be the location where we are evacuated to weather by personal vehicle, bus or aircraft.

Residents are encouraged to:

- Review their family emergency plan.
- Prepare an emergency 'go bag' with essential clothing, medications, identification, important documents, and other necessities.
- Make arrangements for pets and livestock if required as they will not be flown out or able to stay at the Evacuation Centre.
- Continue to monitor official updates from the Village of Fort Simpson and the Government of the Northwest Territories.

The Village of Fort Simpson remains in close communication with ECC and other emergency management partners and continues to monitor the wildfire situation closely. Residents will see many firefighters and structure protection teams around town conducting precautionary work. Please give them space to work.

**This Evacuation Alert will remain in effect until the Department of Environment and Climate Change (ECC) advises the Village that it is no longer required.**

Mayor Les Wright and Members of Council thank residents for their cooperation, preparedness, and continued support of the firefighters, emergency responders, and all personnel working to protect our community.

Additional updates will be provided as new information becomes available.

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