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Regional District of Kootenay
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GRAND FORKS PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING SCHEDULED

GRAND FORKS – As the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary and the City of Grand Forks move towards the recovery phase of its response to flooding, a public information meeting will be held on Friday night in Grand Forks.

Representatives of the Disaster Financial Assistance program, the City of Grand Forks and the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary will be on hand to make presentations and also answer any questions that area residents may have on the flood recovery process.

The Mayor and City Council of Grand Forks officially commended the community for their efforts during a council meeting this week. The efforts of city staff and volunteer fire fighters who worked in the 24 hour operation of the Emergency Operations Centre were applauded. The Mayor and City Council also thanked the numerous volunteers who helped with sandbagging and other activities.

“This was a real team effort,” said Grand Forks Mayor Neil Krog. “We really want to recognize the hard work that was done during our time of flooding crisis and say thank you.”

The immediate threat from flooding in the area has passed and an evacuation alert was lifted on Tuesday night for approximately 40 residences in the Johnson Flats area of Grand Forks. The provincial River Forecast Centre will continue to issue flood forecast reports.

The City of Grand Forks also appreciated the cooperation of residents who limited their use of the sanitary sewer system as it was running to capacity earlier in the week. The limitation is no longer necessary; however, residents running sump pumps should continue pumping into the street and not into the city system.

Grand Forks Public Information Meeting
Friday, May 26, 2006
Gospel Chapel Church
7048 Donaldson Drive
Grand Forks, B.C.
7:30 p.m.

People who have experienced flood damage and need more information can call the toll-free line 1-888-257-4777. Further information on safety precautions is available at www.pep.bc.ca

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