

## News Release

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November 15, 2021

### **Heavy rainfall causing flooding across Cowichan region, resulting in road closures and some resident evacuations**

**DUNCAN, BC** – A [State of Local Emergency](#) has been declared for the Cowichan Valley Regional District and some of its member communities, as record rainfall continues to cause flooding of roads and neighbourhoods across the region.

The [State of Local Emergency](#) applies to areas of the Cowichan Valley Regional District, the Municipality of North Cowichan, City of Duncan, Cowichan Tribes, Halalt First Nation and Penelakut Tribe.

Earlier this morning an evacuation alert and evacuation order were issued for the Meadow Glen apartment building on Canada Avenue in Duncan early this morning. A reception centre for evacuated residents of this building and any other affected residents in the region has been established at the Cowichan Community Centre.

Residents in low-lying areas, particularly those prone to flooding, should be prepared to evacuate at any time. Any additional evacuation orders will be posted to the [Alertable network](#) and door-to-door notifications will be completed in affected areas. Residents can also check the [CVRD website](#) for up-to-date information on evacuation alerts and orders going forward.

Significant road closures and highway closures have been occurring since early this morning, including closure of the Trans Canada Highway at multiple points. For more detailed information check the [Drive BC website](#). Many smaller roads across the region have been affected and may be closed. At this time residents are urged to restrict travel if at all possible at this time.

Further information will be provided as it becomes available throughout the day.

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## **Declaration of State of Local Emergency ORDER**

WHEREAS there is flooding within the jurisdiction of the Cowichan Valley Regional District, Municipality of North Cowichan, Cowichan Tribes, Halalt First Nation, Penelakut Tribe, and the City of Duncan

AND WHEREAS the flooding poses an existing or imminent threat to people and property within the areas known as Cowichan Valley Regional District, Municipality of North Cowichan, Cowichan Tribes, Halalt First Nation, Penelakut Tribe, and the City of Duncan

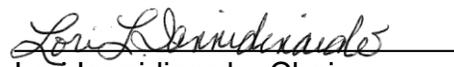
AND WHEREAS this flooding emergency requires prompt coordination of action or special regulation of persons or property to protect the health, safety or welfare of people or to limit damage to property;

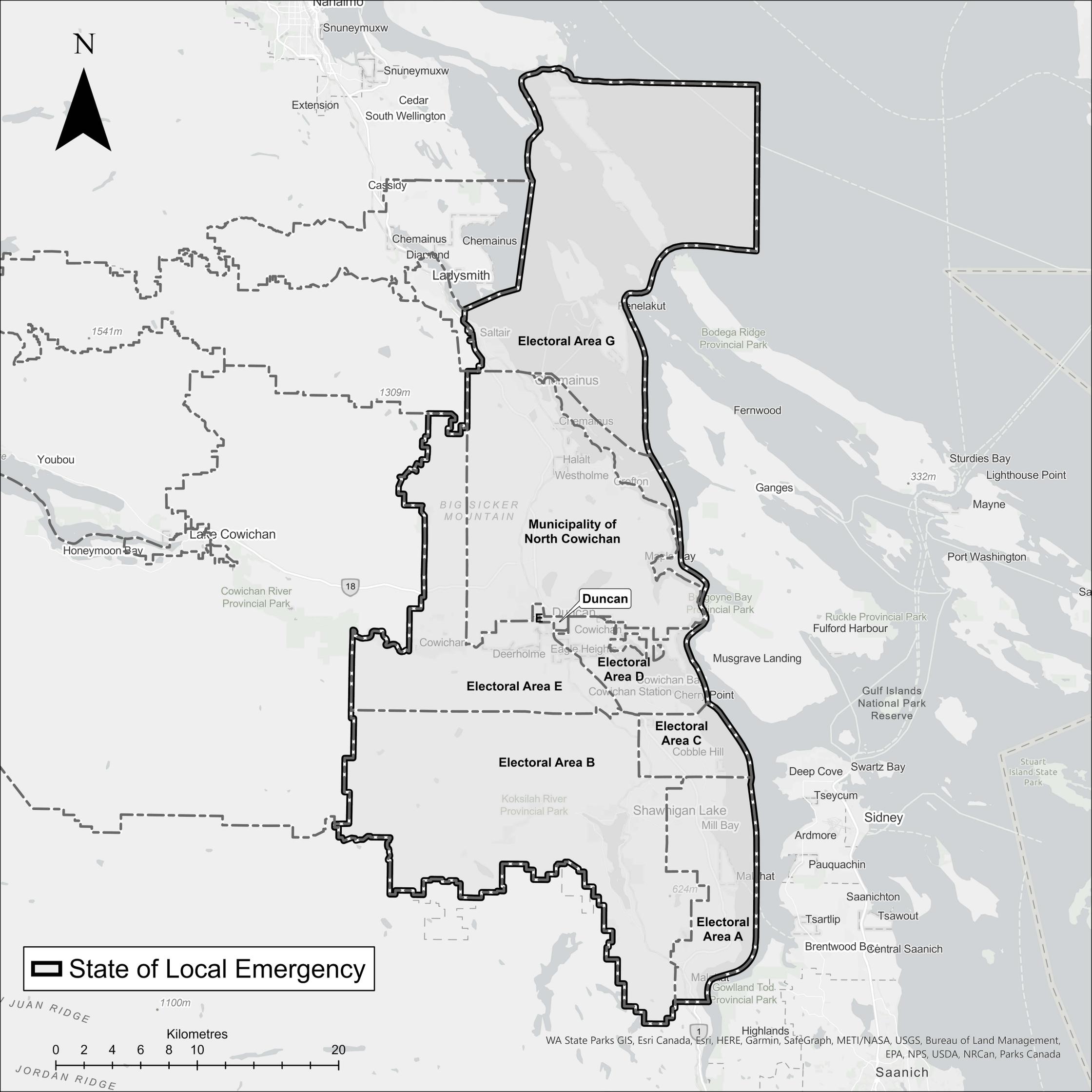
NOW THEREFORE:

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED pursuant to Section 12 (1) of the Emergency Program Act (RS, 1996, Chap 111) that a state of local emergency exists in the Cowichan Valley Regional District due to multiple areas of flooding. Localized flooding and mudslides on roads are affecting community access, homes and properties.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT Cowichan Valley Regional District, Municipality of North Cowichan, Cowichan Tribes, Halalt First Nation, Penelakut Tribe, and the City of Duncan, its employees, servants and agents are empowered pursuant to Section 13 (1) of the Emergency Program Act to do all acts and implement all procedures that are considered necessary to prevent or to alleviate the effects of the emergency.

ORDERED by the Chair of the Cowichan Valley Regional District this date, November 15, 2021 to remain in force for seven days until November 22, 2021 at midnight unless cancelled by the Cowichan Valley Regional District or the Minister responsible.

  
Lori Iannidinardo, Chair  
Cowichan Valley Regional District



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