



News Release

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City issues *do not occupy* notice for second home at base of steep slope that failed – Homeowners to ensure slope stability

The City of Campbell River has issued a do not occupy notice for a home next to a property on Park Road that was severely damaged by a mudslide.

The home had remained on evacuation order after the order was lifted for two other nearby properties last week. Lifting the evacuation order allowed people to return to those properties, but they remain on evacuation alert. The homeowners whose property was in the path of the slide have also received a do not occupy notice.

“The City has been in regular contact with the people from the four homes that were evacuated after the bank gave way. At first, we connected them with emergency social services and helped them safely access their properties when possible. Now, we’re doing what we can to ease the disruption by providing information as they work through insurance claims and take next steps to protect their property,” says city manager Deborah Sargent. *“People can access the property, but the two do not occupy notices for the buildings cannot be lifted unless and until it is safe to do so. The property owners will need to arrange for a qualified professional to confirm what needs to be done to ensure that the condition of the slope presents no imminent risk, and they may have to make improvements to enhance the safety of the slope.”*

The City has posted a geotechnical engineer’s assessment of the slope on its website and provided copies to the households affected by the initial evacuation order.

No one was hurt when the slope in the north Campbell River neighbourhood gave way on Jan. 21. A preliminary investigation confirmed that heavy rains appeared to have saturated the ground above the bank in this area, and three homes adjacent to the damaged home were evacuated as a precaution.

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