Band Council Resolution for issuance of an Evacuation Alert

On (insert date) at (insert time) the (insert Band name) Band Council, pursuant to the Authority of the Chief and Council as per its funding agreement with Canada which outlines that Chief and Council "shall at all times provide for the preservation of public health and safety and the protection of the environment and upon determination by the primary response agency issues an evacuation alert for (insert name of the Indian Reserve Lands and/or geographical area).

The evacuation alert will remain in effect until:

- the primary response agency has notified the (insert Band name) that the threat to the health and safety of the community members and property has diminished and can be rescinded; or
- the primary response agency has notified the (insert Band name) that the threat to the health and safety of the community members and property has increased and an upgrade to an evacuation order is required.

The (insert Band name) Band Council will notify community members of the evacuation alert via one of the following methods:
- Door-to-door
- Telephone
- Notice posted at critical service buildings i.e.: Band Office, Health Centre, School, etc.
- Community meeting
- Social media

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Chief of (insert Band Council name)

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Council Member(s) (insert Band Council name) Council Member(s)

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Council Member(s) Council Member(s)

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Notice to Community Members of an EVACUATION ORDER

On (insert date) at (insert time) the (insert Band name) Band Council issued a Declaration of a State of Local Emergency to implement an evacuation order for the (insert name of the Indian Reserve Lands and/or geographical area) due to being advised of the imminent danger of the (insert event name).

Due to this risk, all community members and visitors within the area defined above are to evacuate via the designated evacuation routes. Members of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, other local police services of jurisdiction and/or other agencies responsible for response will be expediting the evacuation of the identified area on behalf of the (insert Band name) Band Council.

All evacuees should:

- Meet at the designated safe place;
- Follow evacuation instructions and directions from the designated emergency management personnel identified to coordinate this evacuation;
- Take their grab-and-go bags they prepared during the evacuation alert; and
- Register with local Emergency Social Services and Reception Centre(s) located (insert location) once safely outside the community.

YOU MUST LEAVE THIS AREA IMMEDIATELY

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Council Member(s) (insert Band Council name) Council Member(s)

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Flow diagram: First Nation community use of Band Council Resolution for Emergency Response

Sequence for use of a Band Council Resolution to indicate community intentions during an emergency event as compared to BC Local Authority use of a State of Local Emergency (SOLE), Evacuation Alert and Evacuation Order.

Information shared with local authorities and First Nations to facilitate:
Community decision to issue an Evacuation Alert or Evacuation Order based on threat level, weather forecasting, community access to egress routes, and other contributing factors.

Local Authority

- Issuing Authority = Head of Local Authority (Municipality (Mayor) or Regional District (Chair))
- State of Local Emergency Order (SOLE)
- Evacuation Order (under a SOLE)
- Geographic area: maps attached
- Effective Period: extended as required.
- Submitted to appropriate Provincial Regional Emergency Operations Center (PREOC)

Evacuation Orders issued by Local Authorities:
1. Enforceable by RCMP or Police of Jurisdiction
2. Act as the administrative catalyst to activate Emergency Social Services

Issued Evacuation Orders signed by Chief and/or Council:
1. Enforceable by RCMP (FN Policing members as available)
2. Helps identify for the Province a First Nation community's intentions to respond, indicating the potential need for EM support functions.

First Nation Community

- Issuing Authority = Chief and/or council
- Band Council Resolution (BCR) for a SOLE
- Outlines impacted geographic area within the community such as IR # and IR name, and if possible a map
- Submitted to appropriate Provincial Regional Emergency Operations Centre (PREOC) to identify First Nations community intentions to respond to an event
- STRATEGIC CONSIDERATION: Some First Nations may be working in partnership with local authorities to issue alerts/orders and/or facilitate EM decision making. The SOLE can only be done by the government of the specific jurisdiction.

- Follow EM Practice
  - Eligible for Provincial emergency management support services: e.g. food and lodging. See Emergency Social Services Field Guide

- Do not Follow Practice
  - Not eligible for Provincial support services since the community is working independently.

A First Nation community that communicates emergency response needs to EMBC will receive support regardless of whether a BCR has been issued. However, when a BCR is issued for response activities it is helpful if a copy is provided to the appropriate PREOC to better signal and document for the Province the community’s intention.
Effective (insert date and time) the (insert Band name) Band Council is rescinding the EVACUATION ORDER that was issued for the (insert name of Reserve Lands/geographic location) based on the determination by the primary response agency that the threat level of the (insert event name) has significantly diminished. At this time the event no longer poses an imminent threat to the health, safety and property of the (insert Band name).

The (insert Band name) Band Council will continue to monitor the (insert event name) in the case significant developments occur and the re-instatement of an EVACUATION ORDER OR ALERT is required.

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Chief of (insert Band Council name)