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Evacuation order lifted, resiliency centre to be established to support affected residents

Duncan, BC – The Cowichan Valley Regional District has rescinded the evacuation order for the Crofton/Westholme area of North Cowichan, but a state of local emergency remains in effect.

The evacuation order has been rescinded because the immediate threat has passed, and evacuated residents are now able to return to their homes. Residents returning to their flood damaged homes should review the BC provincial [Guide to Disaster Recovery](#) prior to entering their home.

The CVRD will be opening a 'resiliency centre' at the Cowichan Community Centre, to provide information and resources to those affected by flooding. This could include building assessment, counselling, information on cleanup, health support and answering potential questions around insurance.

The resiliency centre will be staffed by representatives from the CVRD Public Safety division, Red Cross and other partner agencies. The centre will open:

- Monday, February 3 from 12 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Maple Room of the Cowichan Community Centre
- Tuesday February 4 from 12 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Koksilah Room of the Cowichan Community Centre

The Emergency Operation Centre has been downgraded from a Level 2 to a Level 1, administered by CVRD Public Safety staff until such time as the state of local emergency is rescinded.

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