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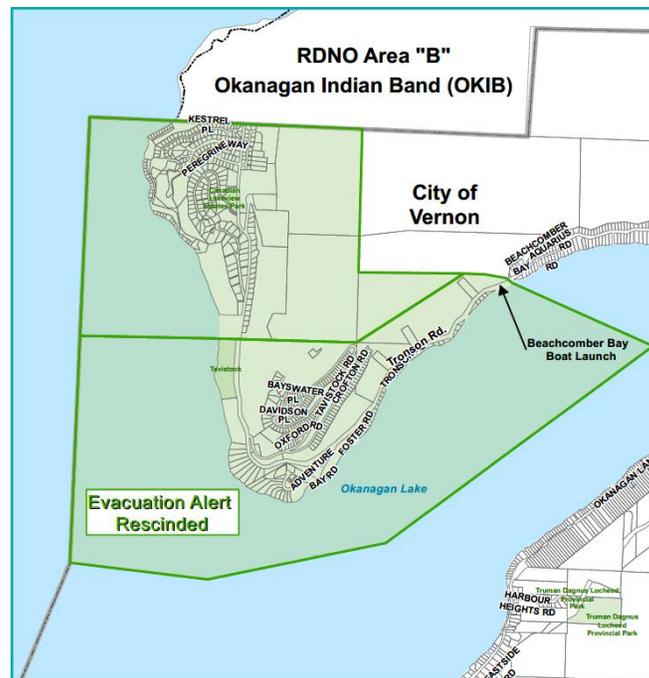
Evacuation Alert rescinded for Vernon

(as of 1:00 p.m.)

The City of Vernon continues to be in close and regular contact with the BC Wildfire Service (BCWS) regarding progress on the White Rock Lake wildfire that is burning west of Okanagan Lake.

Based upon fire, weather and site conditions, as well as ongoing suppression and mop up efforts being done by BCWS and its partners along the east flank of the fire, the City of Vernon has **rescinded** the Evacuation Alert for the following areas (see map below):

- Canadian Lakeview Estates
- Adventure Bay
- Tronson Road between 8125 and 9280



There are no other Evacuation Alerts and no Evacuation Orders within Vernon's municipal boundary.

"This has been a difficult and challenging summer in our region," said Mayor Victor Cumming. "On behalf of the City, I would like to thank everyone for their patience and understanding as we waited for the right time to rescind the Alert to ensure the safety of residents."

This morning, BCWS reported that no new growth was observed on the White Rock Lake wildfire yesterday. The planned ignition that took place on August 30 in the Irish Creek Road area has reduced the risk of further spread on most of the fire perimeter and brought the fire down to established control lines in several key areas of the northeast flank. Drone scans continue to be used to identify hotspots so crews can seek them out on the ground for extinguishment.

Residents are reminded that weather and fire conditions can still change and emergency preparedness plans should remain in place. Ongoing updates about the White Rock Lake wildfire are available through the BCWS [Wildfires of Note page](#).

"We know there is still a lot of work to be done in areas that remain under Evacuation Order and there has been great loss experienced within neighbouring communities," said Mayor Cumming. "Our hearts go out to each of you and we offer sincere condolences."

"We are thinking of everyone who has been evacuated from their home, as well as those who continue to work diligently on the fire response by ground, by air and in support roles. We also extend our deep gratitude to all volunteers and staff who have spent countless hours serving community members and neighbours through the various Emergency Operations Centres and ESS Reception Centres across the region."

If residents from neighbouring communities are looking for information on Evacuation Alerts or Orders, re-entry plans or community recovery information, they are encouraged to visit their respective municipal, regional district or First Nation's website and social media channels.

For further updates from the City of Vernon, please visit our website at www.vernon.ca.