Siksika Nation flood update

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Siksika Nation is still in a State of Emergency and is striving to meet the needs of flood victims in this southern Alberta First Nation. Siksika Nation is located 100 km east of the City of Calgary along the Bow River and the recent flooding has affected approximately 170 homes in six communities on the Nation.

Residents are still being asked to stay out of their damaged homes but were bussed out to the communities yesterday and today to survey the damage. Damage to the homes has been assessed and residents will be notified of the status of their home during the tour. Storage units will be brought into the damaged communities shortly so clean up can begin and recovered items can be stored.

Some of the evacuees have been camping on higher ground overlooking their homes while others have been taken in by relatives or have been staying in hotels in surrounding towns. The Deerfoot Sportsplex has also been turned into a reception centre where those displaced can find a place to sleep, take a shower, get something to eat and get information.

On Wednesday, July 3 those affected by the flood will be able to receive flood assistance from the provincial government. Debit cards preloaded with $1250 for adults and $500 for children will be disbursed between 1 and 8 p.m. at the Siksika Resource Developments Ltd. Building (SRDL).

Premier Alison Redford also made a visit to the reception centre on Tuesday, surveyed some of the affected communities and was notified of Siksika’s plans to assist evacuees by bringing in ATCO trailers for short term housing. Mobile homes not used in the Slave Lake fire disaster will also be brought in to meet housing demand.

Siksika Nation appreciates all the efforts of the volunteers during this ongoing crisis and the donations of items. However, due to the overwhelming donation of clothing and limited storage space, at this time Siksika Nation is now only requesting financial donations to meet the ongoing needs of the evacuees.

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