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VOLUNTARY EVACUATION FOR RESIDENTS OF INDIAN GARDENS AS PRE-EMPTIVE MEASURE LEADING UP TO HIGH-TIDE

ANTIGONISH, N.S.

On Saturday, September 24, 2022 the Antigonish Town and County Emergency Management Team (EMT) organized another voluntary evacuation for the residents of Indian Gardens as a precautionary measure in response to rising water levels leading up to high-tide. This evacuation was for those whose homes were directly impacted by the November 2021 flood.

“Over night we had regular patrols in town to assess damages and monitor water levels, including the Wrights River behind Indian Gardens,” says Shannon Long, Information Officer with the EMT. “On one of those patrols early this morning, personnel noticed water levels were starting to rise quickly and as a pre-cautionary measure we set up an evacuation centre at the Beech Hill Fire Department.”

Town By-Law Officers were on site and went door to door, with the support of the Antigonish Town Fire Department. Transportation was arranged with Antigonish Community Transit.

The Antigonish Emergency Operations Centre continues to operate at Town Hall and the EMT will continue to meet today to coordinate damage assessments and appropriate responses.

“The EMT will continue to meet today and deal with issues as they arise. The EMT and the RCMP strongly advise people to stay home and off the roads. There are many trees, power lines, and a lot of debris on roads through the Town and County. Some roads are impassable or down to one lane. We need to give clean-up crews time to assess damage and begin clean-up efforts.”

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