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**July 13, 2023**

## **MEMO: Update on Fox Lake Re-Entry**

Fox Lake EMT, LRRCN Chief and Council, and many other stakeholders have been working hard to facilitate re-entry to Fox Lake. We have the following updates to share regarding Fox Lake Re-Entry, home cleaning, and plans for July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

### **July 15 Re-Entry**

Firstly and most importantly, all Fox Lake members will be able to return home on July 15, 2023. We recognize that this date has been long anticipated, and the EMT will do everything possible to help members make this transition. We also recognize that many members may choose to stay part-time or full-time at evacuation centers; either due to safety concerns or while waiting for cleaning or construction/repairs of their homes. Members will not lose their evacuation support or be forced to leave evacuation centers until they can make the choice to return home permanently.

There are several important considerations to keep in mind when planning a trip to Fox Lake, whether for a short-term stay or a permanent move.

1. There will be no potable (drinking) water in any Fox Lake homes or buildings. The water treatment plant is still undergoing repairs and will not yet be operational on July 15.
2. Electricity is now restored throughout the community.
3. There will be no food or fuel available for purchase in Fox Lake. The Northern Store will not yet be operational on July 15. Members will need to bring their food and fuel in from outside the community.
4. There will be very limited medical support in the community. Paramedic services may not be available right away, and medical planes will not be able to access the community until repairs are completed on the Fox Lake Airport. A nursing station will not be operational on July 15.
5. RCMP will patrol the community as much as possible but may be limited in their operations.
6. There will be some supplies for members available to pick up at the Fox Lake Arena and the Bus Bay. These include PPE, cleaning kits, bottled water, and dog food. Additional supplies including toiletries may be available, but supplies will be very limited.
7. A transportation plan for those members without vehicles is still being finalized by EMT. We will update as soon as more information is available.

We know that the limitations in services and infrastructure available in the community will be alarming for some members. Families will be supported to make their own decisions regarding what they need to feel safe and comfortable, whether in Fox Lake or at their evacuation site. We will continue to update members as services and infrastructure are restored in the coming weeks.

### **Home Testing and Cleaning**

Professional cleaning services will be visiting homes in Fox Lake beginning July 15<sup>th</sup>. All homeowners may book a visit with a professional cleaner by calling the Fox Lake Call Center at 587-743-1806. More information is available in the attached document. Homeowners will be able to decide what level of cleaning support they would like, and whether they would like to do some of their own cleaning.

Members can call the call center or email [foxlakerecovery@lrrcn.ab.ca](mailto:foxlakerecovery@lrrcn.ab.ca) with any questions or to book cleaning services. Thank you for your continued patience and support.

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