

NEWS RELEASE

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Storms Predicted for East Vancouver Island

The second of three storms is predicted to move onto the south coast this evening. Environment Canada has issued a special weather statement and wind warning for East Vancouver Island, expected to affect our area through Sunday morning. Winds are predicted to be between 70-90 km/h and rainfall of 50 mm for this evening.

At this time, tracking of the third and potentially most powerful storm remains uncertain. This storm will approach the west coast on Saturday. The potential remains for powerful winds, particularly the west and east side of Vancouver Island.

Power outages, flooding and damage from winds may occur during storms. We encourage residents to be prepared by keeping emergency items in good supply. During winds, residents should stay out of wooded areas and stay away from downed lines.

The City's emergency management coordinator and the operations department will closely monitor weather and storm events throughout the weekend. To report issues related to municipal services, please call:

Monday to Friday, 8 am to 4 pm 250 248-5412 After hours emergency 250 248-6144

Should it be required, the City will setup the Emergency Operations Centre and/or activate the Oceanside Emergency Support Services team.

Residents should monitor alerts and forecasts issued by Environment Canada for our region at https://weather.gc.ca/city/pages/bc-20 metric e.html

For more information:

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