



## District of Peachland

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# RENFREW ROAD SLIDE UPDATE

**January 11, 2017  
10:00 A.M.**

As a result of a small land slide on Renfrew Road in Peachland, on Friday, January 6, 2017:

- Highway 97 was temporarily closed until crews were able to remove the debris
- A sewer main on Renfrew Road ruptured, leaving approximately 45 residences temporarily without municipal sewer service
- A BC Hydro power pole was compromised, and had to be relocated, which caused a temporary power outage to a portion of the community for a few hours.
- Renfrew Road was closed to all traffic at the location of the slide, and remains closed at this time.

Traffic lights have been installed further north on either side of the one-way section of Renfrew Road, to permit better access for residents.

All residences in the area affected by the sewer line break have been reconnected to municipal sewer service, except for 5 properties that are in the process of having their services restored.

One property does not have vehicular access.

One small residential water leak was detected and repaired after the slide. It is not known at this time whether the slide triggered the break. The leak is not considered significant to the slide situation.

The District of Peachland's first and foremost priority is securing the site and safety of the public and residents. This has been achieved, and will remain our top priority as we move forward with repairs.

The cause of the slide has not yet been determined. Our team of consultants, geotechnical engineers and staff are working diligently on determining the cause. Ground water is suspected, and it continues to flow into the slide area, making the area unstable and unsafe for workers.

According to our consultants and geotechnical engineers, this slide is an anomaly. Land slides do not usually occur in cold temperatures such as we have been experiencing for the past few weeks.

A drone will be flying over the unstable area this week, to video and provide valuable information to assist us in making decisions on how to move forward.

Staff are working with Emergency Management BC and our regional emergency management program to access funding assistance. It is unknown at this time how much funding assistance we will be eligible for.

Costs for a short term solution could reach \$250,000. Those costs would be 'throw away', when we proceed to the permanent, long term solution.

Long term, permanent repair costs could reach \$1,000,000 or more, depending on the method chosen. Council will be presented with options for the best permanent fix, that will ensure future stability and safety of the public.

Council will be making decisions within the next few weeks, on whether to proceed with a short term solution, or wait for the weather to cooperate and move directly to a long term solution.

The estimated timeline for permanent repairs to be completed is 3 – 4 months.

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