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Dear Chase residents,

As we face the coming emergency freshet and wildfire seasons, you can rely on the Village of Chase to do our part in supporting the Emergency Support Services program. The Village has been working closely with the Thompson Nicola Regional District's (TNRD) Emergency Program Coordinator and the TNRD/Kamloops Emergency Support Services Coordinator to build a local Emergency Support Services team to respond to emergencies that result in residents being displaced from their homes.

Emergency Support Services (ESS) is designed to provide short-term basic support to British Columbians impacted by disasters ranging from a single house fire to larger events, such as wildfires. These supports enable those impacted to re-establish themselves as quickly as possible after an emergency or disaster.

The TNRD Emergency Program Coordinator and ESS Coordinator will be directly supporting the Chase ESS team with operations including onboarding, training and support of the Chase ESS team, with support from the Village to maintain a consistent meeting, training and response space for the team to use.

We are looking for volunteers who are interested in assisting their fellow residents when they need them most. Volunteers will typically spend an initial 6 to 12 hours per month for the first 3 months to complete initial training. After initial training and onboarding is complete, volunteers will likely be spending approximately 2 to 6 hours per month for continued training and a monthly meeting. Volunteers must be at least 16 years of age, complete a criminal record and vulnerable sector check, be in good health, and have reliable access to transportation.

The Village of Chase and the Thompson Nicola Regional District are committed to supporting our local Emergency Support Services team and ensuring long term sustainability for team training, meeting and response.

For more information about Emergency Support Services or becoming a volunteer, please contact Rebecca Cooke, the ESS Coordinator, at rcooke@kamloops.ca or 250-828-3850.

Sincerely,

VILLAGE OF CHASE

Rod Crowe, Mayor