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Housing Rebuild/Temporary Housing Task Force

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Message from Councillor Wes Francois

Waytk-P band members

I don't need to tell you that our lives have dramatically changed following the events of Friday, August 18th.As chair of the Housing Rebuild\Temporary Housing Task Force, I have led a dedicated group of people whose primary directive is to get band members and others in our community back to their homes.

I have set up two 'teams' of experts who include lawyers, reps of the insurance sector and construction sector along with staff members. We have been meeting every three days in order to plan out a strategy and explore options for a rebuild-both short and long term. We will be using various means to keep you informed of our developments. These include Special Band Meetings and these newsletters.

It is hoped that you will be back to a somewhat "regular' life in a home as fast and as economical as possible.

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LATEST DEVELOPMENTS:

HOUSING REBUILD

Goal:

- Get people into their 'forever home' as soon as possible
- Ensure 'forever homes' meet the needs of the occupant

Process:

- Housing team will be having meetings with each individual household to go over housing needs for rebuild
- Band members who lost their homes should begin considering style of home:
 - Manufactured Home – quicker timeframe for installation
 - Stick-build – more customizable but longer timeframe for construction
- Meetings will start in next 3 – 4 weeks

DEBRIS SIFTING

Goal:

- Ensure that people can get back to their lots as soon as possible to sift through the debris to hopefully find things of value in a safe way

Process:

- Hazard assessment – determine what contaminants might be in the air or in the debris that might pose health and safety risk
- Acquire proper PPE for people to participate in debris sifting (proper boots, protective clothing, ventilators)
- Line up people to assist members to go through the debris
- Either walk on-site with the displaced person or have the displaced person look on from side of the debris pile and direct person
- Line up mental health supports
- Will likely proceed in a neighborhood by neighborhood basis
- Members who just want to do this on their own will need to sign a waiver acknowledging health and safety risks



LATEST DEVELOPMENTS:

SKILLS DATA BASE

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Housing Recovery Plan

Goals /Principles

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- Get people back into rebuilt homes as soon as possible
- Ensure that temporary and permanent housing solutions support the long-term goals of the community
- Ensure that SteS businesses and members can be incorporated meaningfully in the recovery

| Task | Description | Timeline | Responsibility |
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| Initial Response | | | |
| Everybody evacuated | Evacuate the community to temporary housing | Completed | EOC |
| Rapid Damage Assessment | Undertake Rapid Damage Assessment of houses | Completed | Andrea Stelter/Task Force One |
| Evacuation | | | |
| Better understand immediate needs of evacuees | Undertake survey of evacuees to understand their immediate needs and whether their temporary accommodation is appropriate | September 13th | Destiny Francois/ Joannie Elias |
| Seek temporary accommodations for all evacuees who still have a home to return to | Current housing at Raleigh may be unsatisfactory for some members. Look for other hotel space for evacuees until they can return home. Coordinate with ESS/ISC | By September 15th | Destiny Francois/ Desira Johns |
| Review options for interim housing for evacuees who have lost homes | Look for space with kitchens and/or look at options to live with family members | By September 15th | Housing and Health Team |

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| Band Member Involvement | | | |
| Create skills database for members | Develop a skills database where members who want to participate in various components of the temp housing and rebuild process can describe their skills so that contractors can utilize them | By September 30 | Human Resources Department |
| Create Band member business database | Create a database of Band member owned businesses that can assist with the rebuild | By September 30 | Housing Team |
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| Standing Homes | | | |
| Remove Fridge and Freezers | Remove all fridges and freezers in standing homes and dispose | By September 18th | Andrea Stelter, Tanner Francois, Liam Construction |
| Replace Fridges and Freezers | Replace all fridges and freezers | By early October | Destiny Francois |
| Inspection for fire damage | Engage BOABC building inspector to undertake inspection of homes to determine extent of fire-related damages | October 15th | Housing Team Engage Donna Struch |
| Calculate damage | Calculate cost of repairs. Determine if you want to address other repairs/renos required – compare to existing housing inspections | By October 31st | Donna Struch |
| Seek funding from ISC/Insurance | Agree on claim from insurance and seek any differences from ISC | October/November | Core Recovery Team |
| Undertake repairs | Engage contractor(s) to undertake any repairs | November – March | Engage Contractor – Housing Team to prepare RFP |
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| Temporary Housing Plan | | |
| Identify needs for temp housing | By September 15th | Robin, Destiny, Dylan |
| Determine location(s) for temp housing | By September 22nd | Robin, Rhys, Dylan |
| Begin clearing land at housing locations | By October 8th | Robin, Beavertooth |
| Seek cost estimates from suppliers | By September 29th | Robin, Dylan |
| Develop conceptual plans for lots | By September 22nd | Urban Systems |
| Develop and submit proposal to ISC | By October 6th | Urban Systems |
| Design lots needed for housing | By November 24th | Urban Systems, Kala, geotechnical company |

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| Archeological | | | |
| Consider developing on-reserve archeological process/policy | Develop a policy for archeological assessment and monitoring that will enable the timely completion of recovery-related projects | By September 14 | |
| Train archeological monitors for projects | Debris removal and lot servicing on Band and lease lots will require significant use of archeological monitors | | |

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| Rebuild | | |
| Compile inventory of housing needed (i.e. how many units, style of units, does SteS address overcrowding) | October 2023 | Destiny, Rhys, Dylan |
| Engage members in discussions on housing preferences | October 2023 | Destiny, Rhys, Robin, Dylan |
| Engage architect/building supplier to begin designs | October/November | Rhys, Dylan |
| Proposal for housing rebuild to ISC | December 2023 | Rhys, Robin, Dylan |
| Engage Construction Management Company | January 2024 | Rhys, Robin, Dylan |
| Construction | March 2024 – December 2025 | Construction company SRM (Skwlax Resource Management) |

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