

ZEBALLOS WILDFIRE AND RECOVERY | TIMELINE OF EVENTS

AUGUST SEPTEMBER OCTOBER NOVEMBER DECEMBER JANUARY FEBRUARY MARCH

<p>AUGUST 11</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Early morning lightning storm ignites smoldering fire near Brian's Bluff on Gold Valley Main Village receives 22mm of rain <p>BCWS notified of fire, begins to monitor fire via helicopter</p>	<p>SEPTEMBER 3</p> <p>Village receives 11mm of rain, helping to extinguish fire.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Port McNeill Fire Department released from duties 	<p>OCTOBER 1</p> <p>Letter sent from Village to MLA, Hon. Claire Trevena requesting support for Post-Wildfire Situation in Zeballos.</p>	<p>NOVEMBER 7</p> <p>Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure marks closed road in 10m increments for documenting debris fall</p>	<p>DECEMBER 14-15</p> <p>Strong storm event causes power outage and falling debris on closed section of Maquinna Avenue.</p>	<p>JANUARY 1</p> <p>With funding support from EMBC, Village hires full-time Recovery Manager, Mark Brown, to manage recovery process.</p>	<p>FEBRUARY 5</p> <p>Response letter received from Minister of Forests, re: seeking commitment for hazard mitigation.</p>	<p>MARCH 7 & 8</p> <p>BGC Engineering performs field work in Zeballos in preparation for follow-up Geohazard Assessment Report.</p>
<p>AUGUST 13</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Large column of smoke observed rising from fire BCWS continues to monitor fire via helicopter without suppression 	<p>SEPTEMBER 4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fire only smoldering in hot spots Sprinkler systems remain on behind houses on Pandora Cr. Comox Structural Protection Unit released from duties 	<p>OCTOBER 4</p> <p>Tom Millard, MoFLNRORD, releases preliminary Post-Wildfire Assessment Report.</p>	<p>NOVEMBER 9</p> <p>Community meeting with evacuees, government agencies regarding post-fire recovery process.</p>	<p>DECEMBER 16</p> <p>Village receives 24mm of rain in 5 minutes; between 3:44 am and 3:49 am.</p>	<p>JANUARY 2</p> <p>Heavy rains and strong winds causes increased debris fall along closed section of road; North Maquinna Avenue.</p>	<p>FEBRUARY 8</p> <p>Manager of Emergency Planning for the Ministry of Municipal Affairs provides initial information to Recovery Manager for addressing the housing situation in Zeballos. Ministry begins investigating possible programs, funding or other solutions.</p>	<p>MARCH 15</p> <p>Response letter received from Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, re: Premier John Horgan's invitation to Zeballos.</p>
<p>AUGUST 14</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Zeballos EOC is activated BCWS monitors via helicopter with no commitment of resources Zeballos Emergency Program Coordinator requests and is assigned a task number from Emergency Management BC 	<p>SEPTEMBER 6</p> <p>BCWS classifies fire as "being held" indicating sufficient suppression action has been taken and the fire is unlikely to spread beyond the existing boundary.</p>	<p>OCTOBER 16</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure closes the north end of Maquinna Ave due to debris fall hazard which also closes the eastern access route to the community. <p>BCG Engineering releases FINAL Post-Fire Geohazard Assessment to Village.</p>	<p>NOVEMBER 14</p> <p>MLA, Hon. Claire Trevena sends letters to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minister of Forests, re: assistance in defining Evacuation Order boundary Minister of Public Safety, re: requesting an exception for Disaster Financial Assistance 	<p>DECEMBER 18</p> <p>Storm causes trees to completely block the closed section of road making it impassable.</p>	<p>JANUARY 7</p> <p>First snowfall on hillside since fire causes increased debris fall.</p>	<p>FEBRUARY 12</p> <p>Invitation to visit Zeballos sent from the Village to Premier John Horgan.</p>	<p>APRIL</p>
<p>AUGUST 15</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> BCWS assigns Incident Commander to fire; sets up base at Village Office <p>Village declares a Local State of Emergency.</p>	<p>SEPTEMBER 8</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> BCWS classifies fire as "under control" indicating the fire has received sufficient suppression action to ensure no further spread. <p>Based on recommendation from Tom Millard, MoFLNRORD, Evacuation Order expanded to include: all houses North of Sugarloaf Bridge; All houses on East side of Maquinna Avenue and North of Pandora Crescent; All houses on Pandora Crescent that are East of Maquinna Avenue; and house numbers 402-B, 404 and 406 Ferris Road, due to potential debris flow and slides.</p>	<p>OCTOBER 19</p> <p>Letter sent from Village sent to Minister of Public Safety and Minister of FLNRORD, re: request for a full-time Recovery Manager.</p>	<p>NOVEMBER 15</p> <p>Response letter received from EMBC re: request for a full-time Recovery Manager.</p>	<p>DECEMBER 18-30</p> <p>Increased number of public reports of debris fall.</p>	<p>JANUARY 9</p> <p>Letter sent from Village to Minister of FLNRORD seeking commitment for hazard mitigation.</p>	<p>FEBRUARY 13</p> <p>State of Local Emergency reduced to include only the 27 properties under Evacuation Order.</p>	<p>APRIL 23</p> <p>BGC Engineering releases FINAL follow-up Geohazard Assessment Report.</p>
<p>AUGUST 16</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> BCWS deploys ground crew to fire Helicopters begin to bucket fire ZVFD wet houses on Pandora Cr. Port McNeill FD deployed <p>Evacuation Alert issued for Zeballos, east of Sugarloaf Bridge.</p>	<p>SEPTEMBER 13 & 14</p> <p>BGC Engineering performs field work in Zeballos in preparation for Post-Fire Geohazard Assessment Report.</p>	<p>OCTOBER 27</p> <p>Meeting with Evacuees, Village staff and Zeballos Emergency Program to discuss, gather information, and questions for November 9th meeting.</p>	<p>NOVEMBER 26-27</p> <p>First 300mm+ rainfall event since fire.</p>	<p>NOVEMBER 27</p> <p>Council passes a motion to keep Evacuation Order in place as it stands and to reassess in the spring.</p>	<p>JANUARY 11</p> <p>Recovery Manager meets with Coastal Fire Centre at their office in Parksville to review both the September 10, 2018 Post-Wildfire Risk Analysis Preliminary Report prepared by Tom Millard of FLNRORD and the October 15, 2018 BGC Engineering Post-Fire Geohazard Assessment Report.</p>	<p>JANUARY 18</p> <p>Storm event blows down many trees onto closed section of road making it impassable.</p>	<p>JANUARY 23</p> <p>Recovery Manager meets with Tom Millard, Ministry of Forests in Nanaimo and exchanged engineering information and reports concerning post-fire debris flow hazards and risks, slope and weather monitoring, mitigation, and landslide warning systems.</p>
<p>AUGUST 17</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> BCWS classifies fire as "out of control" indicating the fire is not responding to suppression action Community Dinner held to update locals Comox Structural Protection Unit arrives with a Structural Protection Specialist to wet houses exposed to fire 	<p>AUGUST 18</p> <p>Evacuation Order issued for all houses on the east side of Pandora Hill and North of Sugarloaf Bridge.</p>	<p>AUGUST 23</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Air-tanker makes two drops of fire retardant Helicopters continue to bucket water Crews brush hydro lines to prevent outage East side evacuation site is machine-guarded and wet-lined 	<p>AUGUST 25</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Size of fire determined to be 168 hectares in size <p>Village receives 3mm of rain with no noticeable impact on fire.</p>	<p>NOVEMBER 29</p> <p>Village installs a real time weather station and begins recording local weather conditions at the time of reported debris-fall.</p>	<p>JANUARY 22</p> <p>Recovery Manager meets with Tom Millard, Ministry of Forests in Nanaimo and exchanged engineering information and reports concerning post-fire debris flow hazards and risks, slope and weather monitoring, mitigation, and landslide warning systems.</p>	<p>JANUARY 29</p> <p>Meeting at Village Office with Mayor & Council, Village Staff, Recovery Manager, Ehattesaht First Nation Representatives and Emergency Management BC to discuss updates regarding the State Of Local Emergency, Evacuation Order, Disaster Financial Assistance, Emergency Support Services, housing, and weather monitoring station.</p>	<p>JANUARY 29</p> <p>Meeting at Village Office with Mayor & Council, Village Staff, Recovery Manager, Ehattesaht First Nation Representatives and Emergency Management BC to discuss updates regarding the State Of Local Emergency, Evacuation Order, Disaster Financial Assistance, Emergency Support Services, housing, and weather monitoring station.</p>

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- Emergency declarations and orders issued
- Correspondence sent and received
- Notable weather events
- Geohazard Assessment Report activities

