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UPDATE #2: Train Derailment in Town of Sexsmith

Public Information Line available for train derailment information

County of Grande Prairie, Alberta – An information phone line has been established for those who wish to receive updates regarding the train derailment in the Town of Sexsmith. Public is advised to call 780-538-3124 if they require information.

Voluntary evacuees may return to their homes upon their own discretion. The Reception Centre at the Wellington Resource Centre will remain open to evacuees as a precaution.

At 5 a.m. tomorrow (Thursday), CN Rail will be using heavy equipment to attempt to get the derailed cars back on the railway tracks. Three cars carrying Anhydrous Ammonia derailed at approximately 6:10 p.m. Wednesday night in the Town of Sexsmith. Currently, there are no ruptures or leaks to the derailed cars that remain upright. The Grande Prairie Regional Emergency Partnership (GPREP) Emergency Operation Centre and Canadian Rail (CN) Emergency Response Action Plan remains active until further notice. Emergency crews will remain on scene through the night.

As a precaution, we ask that residents stay out of the area to allow the emergency crews to complete their work. Further updates will be provided as they become available.

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