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Update #6: COVID-19 Pandemic

Local Food Banks Seek Community Support and Regional Municipalities Continue State of Local Emergency

Local food banks are seeking help from the community to meet the increased demand for food supports caused by the economic and employment challenges of COVID-19.

“GPREP is having ongoing conversations with local food banks to monitor their food supply as they experience greater demand,” said Dan Lemieux, Acting Director of Emergency Management for GPREP. “Many in our community are under an increasing financial strain and it may not be possible for everyone to donate.”

Residents interested in donating are encouraged to make monetary donations which allow the food banks to meet the exact needs of each location and prevent spread of COVID-19.

To arrange a donation, call the following food banks:

- Salvation Army Grande Prairie: 780-538-2848
- Beaverlodge Food Bank: 780-354-2204
- Clairmont Food Bank: 780-567-2843
- Hythe Food Bank: 780-933-7017
- Sexsmith & District Food Bank: 780-296-0939
- Wembley Food Bank: 780-766-3256

“Food donations are accepted at the Salvation Army location in Grande Prairie, as well as through local grocery stores,” says Peter Kim, Executive Director of Community Services at The Salvation Army in Canada. “At this time, in light of the COVID-19 pandemic, monetary donations are most beneficial as they provide the ability for us to purchase food directly from grocery stores.”

Residents are also encouraged to donate to one of the many organizations providing non-perishable food supports.

State of Local Emergency Renewed

GPREP’s six partner municipalities continue to be in a State of Local Emergency, allowing a flexible response to emerging needs. According to the Alberta Emergency Management Act, a State of Local Emergency lapses 7 days after declaration, unless renewed by the municipality.

The primary source of information for Albertans on COVID-19 is www.alberta.ca/covid19.

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