



PRESS RELEASE - JULY 7, 2013

305 Home Community Destroyed by Flood - Support Requests Ignored! -

The 2013 flood in Southern Alberta is of historic proportions and beyond comprehension. The unprecedented damage experienced and the subsequent support received by many major communities such as Canmore, High River and Calgary has been well publicized. Meanwhile the 305 homes and entire infrastructure at Hidden Valley Golf Resort ("HVGR") located 100 km's east of Calgary on the Siksika Nation has been obliterated in its entirety and unfortunately, the damage has not been adequately recognized by the authorities and no or little support has been provided.

On June 20, 2013 an entire community of over 1,000 people was evacuated on short notice. It is likely all homes are now beyond repair and the entire infrastructure will require replacement. Many families are stranded and some are homeless including many Albertans whose primary residence in Canada was at HVGR. As a result of the losses there is a strong probability that HVGR is no longer viable and will not have a future. Simply put, our community is destroyed.

The Siksika Nation – Our Landlord

The 305 HVGR homes, comprised of primary and secondary residences, are on lands with infrastructure leased from the Siksika Nation until October 31, 2013.

On June 25, 2013, a press release was issued stating that Siksika Nation Chief Fred Rabbit Carrier and Council have declared a State of Emergency in response to flooding that has recently

spread through southern Alberta. "The flooding has rendered many homes uninhabitable and approximately 200 homes have been evacuated..." We note this press release makes no reference to the 305 residences on HVGR.

In addition, it has been publicly and clearly stated by the Chief that his priority is the Nation members and not HVGR. We are being ignored by the Siksika Nation notwithstanding that all financial obligations for the last 39 years including 2013 have been paid to the Siksika, our Landlord.

The Provincial Government

In response to this Emergency on July 3, 2013, Premier Allison Redford and Minister of Aboriginal Relations, Robin Campbell, toured the Siksika Reserve and its flood damaged areas; however, HVGR was ignored on this tour. When questioned why HVGR had been overlooked, the Calgary Herald reported that Minister Campbell said "We're doing the same thing we've done in every community. The Premier has made it clear that we'll look after the people in this province and we'll do that".

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made to them. We are stranded with uncertainty and have not been treated as “all other Albertans affected by the flood”. We are Alberta tax payers who deserve equal and appropriate treatment accorded to other communities.

Our Request

We request that HVGR be recognized as an independent community with consideration given to the unique situation faced by HVGR home owners to ensure that we will be treated consistently with all other communities’ subject and entitled to disaster relief compensation for all homes since each of the 305 residences have been severely affected. For the devastation and losses of our residences to be appreciated, we ask high ranking government officials to tour HVGR since time is of the essence.

Our request is necessary given the stated priority of our Landlord, the Siksika Nation who is not prepared to elevate our disaster relief needs to a par level with other communities.

“ In this emergency, we are helping all Albertans affected by the flood. ”

*Premier Allison Redford
July 2, 2013*



To date, HVGR home owners have received no confirmation of assistance from the Province, other than pre-loaded cards for those that qualify, and we remain hopeful that the authorities will expedite whatever measures are required to facilitate re-entry to determine and attempt loss mitigation. Due to the passage of time since our mandatory evacuation on June 20, 2013, mold and structural damage will surely eliminate any possibility of recovering any assets that might be salvageable.

Although the Province has publicly committed to help Albertans, our contact with Alberta Disaster and Emergency Agencies to discuss the unique issues of our Resort surrounding the availability of access to Disaster Relief Funds for HVGR residences have been acknowledged but no answers have been yet provided. Our home owners have been left to their own initiative to seek clarification from the Province and the Nation. We understand that other communities have been toured by various government officials and specific commitments



