

## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Strong winds in Nanaimo cause dangerous conditions**

*Road and park closures in effect until further notice*

#### **Summary**

A powerful windstorm has created a number of emergency situations in Nanaimo including downed trees and power lines. City facilities including Oliver Woods Community Centre, Beban Park Social Centre, Bowen Park complex and Nanaimo Ice Centre are closed due to power outages. All City parks and trails are closed until further notice. A number of roads are closed due to downed trees and power lines.

Residents should avoid travelling and stay indoors and only call 9-1-1 if it is an emergency.

To stay up to date with power outages, visit BC Hydro's website or follow them on twitter @bchydro. The City will provide updates as information becomes available.

*Strategic Link: n/a*

#### **Key Points**

- Residents should avoid travelling and stay indoors until further notice.
- To report a downed power line, call BC Hydro at 1-888-LIGHTSS (1-888-544-4877).
- To report a downed tree on a City road, call Public Works at 250-758-5222.
- Only call 911 for an emergency.

#### **Quotes**

"The winds are expected to increase before easing off later tonight. Please stay indoors and avoid travelling. City crews are working on clearing roads and we will provide updates as information becomes available."

Karen Fry  
Fire Chief  
City of Nanaimo

#### **Quick Facts**

- Wind speeds are expected to increase to 70-90 km/h before easing off overnight.
- If you come across downed power lines, do not drive over them or come within 10 metres of a downed line.
- If a tree falls on your property, please call your insurance agency to report it.

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