



PBCN-EOC NOTICE

Issued on Tuesday, Sept. 10th, 2024

Evacuation Order for Sandy Bay Rescinded

Dear Members of Sandy Bay,

After careful consideration and consultation with fire, health, and infrastructure experts, the leadership of Peter Ballantyne Cree Nation (PBCN) has made the decision to officially rescind the evacuation order for Sandy Bay, effective immediately. This decision marks the beginning of the repatriation process for all Sandy Bay members who were evacuated due to recent wildfire threats.

What This Means for You:

- 1. Return Home:** All community members who evacuated are now cleared to return home to Sandy Bay. The fire risk is low, and essential services, including power, water, sewer, health care, and grocery stores, are fully operational and ready to welcome you back.
- 2. Buses Ready to Roll:** For those who evacuated via PBCN-organized transportation, buses will begin transporting members from Saskatoon back to the community starting at 9:30 AM today. The first trip back will include four buses: **Heritage Inn (1), Quality Inn (1) and Ramada Inn (2)**. Additional buses are scheduled for Wednesday, September 11 and Thursday, September 12 to transport the remaining community members from Saskatoon and Prince Albert.
- 3. Care and Support:** Health and support services, including the Sandy Bay Health Centre, are fully prepared to assist any Priority 1 and Priority 2 individuals requiring extra care during their return. Care packages and essential supplies will be distributed upon arrival.

Important Information:

- **Hotel Checkouts:** If you are staying in a hotel, please be prepared to **check out by 9:00 AM** and ensure all your belongings are packed before the buses or personal vehicles leave.
- **Gas Stations:**
 - Fuel will be available for all those who self-evacuated in their private vehicles and are on the list of authorized individuals. You will be able to obtain fuel in Prince Albert at the Petrocan, located on 2nd Avenue W. Names. Please ensure your vehicle details are ready for a smooth process at the gas station as a line-up is expected.



- For members in Saskatoon, gift cards will be available for purchasing fuel in Saskatoon, starting at 10:00 AM today. From there, you will be able to obtain fuel in Prince Albert at the Petrocan, located on 2nd Avenue W.

Final Logistics:

We encourage all evacuees to follow the instructions of PBCN staff and coordinators to ensure an orderly and safe return. Please be mindful of others and take your time getting home—there is no rush, and we want everyone to return safely.

This has been a challenging time for us all, but your resilience and patience have been appreciated. As you make your way home today, we wish everyone safe travels.

We would also like to extend a special thank you to all the volunteers, emergency response teams, health professionals, and PBCN staff who worked tirelessly to ensure the safety and well-being of our community members during the evacuation. Your support has been invaluable, and we are truly grateful for the dedication and care you have shown.

As you make your way back to Sandy Bay today, we wish everyone safe travels.

For any assistance or further information, please contact the team leads at Peter Ballantyne Cree Nation's Emergency Operations Centre.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Justin Halcrow". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Vice Chief Justin Halcrow
Peter Ballantyne Cree Nation

CC PBCN Members of Council
PBCN Management Team

Contact Information:

For any further assistance, please contact Duane Hiebert, PBCN Emergency Response Manager, at 306-960-9376, or via email at duanehiebert@pbcn.ca.