

Update on Storms Predicted for East Vancouver Island

The second in a series of storms is moving across the south coast today. Heavy showers will continue and wind warnings remain in effect for many south coast regions including East Vancouver Island, with the strongest winds easing after midnight.

The third and potentially most powerful storm will approach the coast late Saturday bringing very strong winds and heavy rainfall through Sunday night. Computer weather models indicate that a track through central or southern Vancouver Island is likely Saturday evening. Very strong southeast winds ahead of the storm are expected to develop over the south coast late Saturday with winds shifting to southwesterly. Our region should expect 40-60 mm of rain and winds will be significant, forecast to be 70-90 km/h.

Power outages, flooding and damage from winds may occur during storms. We encourage residents to be prepared by keeping emergency items in good supply. During winds, residents should stay out of wooded areas and are reminded to stay back, at least ten metres, from downed lines.

The City's emergency management coordinator and the operations department will closely monitor weather and storm events throughout the weekend. To report issues related to municipal services, please call:

Monday to Friday, 8 am to 4 pm	250 248-5412
After hours emergency	250 248-6144

Should it be required, the City will setup the Emergency Operations Centre and/or activate the Oceanside Emergency Support Services team.

Residents should continue to monitor alerts and forecasts issued by Environment Canada for our region at https://weather.gc.ca/city/pages/bc-20_metric_e.html

For more information:

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