

Hurricane Fiona Fund

Hello everyone from Atlantic Canada,

Many of you have reached out to me regarding donations for the victims of Hurricane Fiona. As this is new territory for us it has taken a while to get a grasp on how to respond to the disaster. Short term needs have been addressed by the Red Cross and other emergency response organizations however the long term issues have not. The federal and provincial governments have pledged money for infrastructure rebuilding and some help for those that have lost everything but those funds will be slowly released. There are hundreds of homeless people that need to get their lives as close to normal as possible in months and weeks rather than years. So that is where our projects will focus. We are making use of Foundation DRF grants also but those are not meant to be used for construction. We are also looking at other long term projects like larger, higher sea walls, repairing shorelines, etc. We know this is not an isolated incident so we need to be better prepared for the next one.

To that end we have partnered with Disaster Aid Canada. They have created the Hurricane Fiona Fund which is available to accept donations through their website from clubs, districts and individuals. Those funds will be available to our district and clubs for projects. The website is www.disasteraid.ca Click on the donate button, click on the drop down of funds and select number 4, Hurricane Fiona Fund

Contact Frank Elsom frankelsom@shaw.ca of DAC for more information regarding DAC. Frank is President of DAC, President of the Rotary Club of Ladysmith in BC (the club that sponsors DAC), and Chair nominee for Disaster Aid International

Thank you in advance for your generosity,
Harvey

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Harvey Bass
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