

# Setting the Scene: Current Climate Risks in the Lower Mainland and BC

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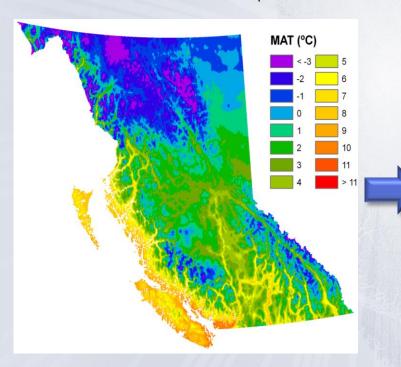
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#### **Outline**

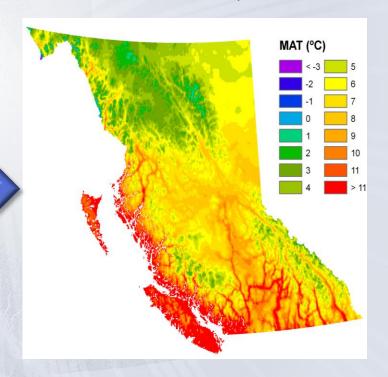
- Current Climate
- Hazards
- Lower Mainland
- Provincial Response
- Partnerships
- Public Preparedness
- Plans and Initiatives
- Summary

## **Climate Projections**

1961-1990 Mean Annual Temperature BC



2080s Mean Annual Temperature BC





# **Hazards**

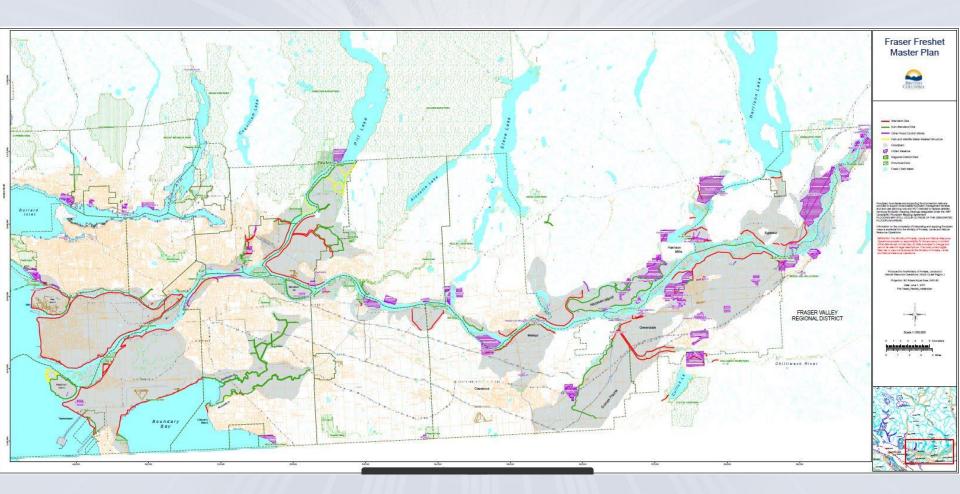




# Flooding in the Lower Mainland—1948



### Fraser River Freshet Master Plan-2009





# **Emergency Management BC**



## **British Columbia Emergency Management System**

"BCEMS Vision: Resilient Communities Across BC"

The **British Columbia Emergency Management System** (BCEMS) provides the framework for mitigation, preparation, response and recovery from emergencies and disasters in the province.

#### **Response Goals**

- Ensure the health and safety of responders
- Save lives
- Reduce suffering
- Protect public health
- Protect infrastructure
- Protect property
- Protect the environment
- Reduce economic and social losses

#### **Provincial-scale Activation**



Activation Level According to Event Scope and Severity

Consistent with the BC Emergency Management System (BCEMS)

## **Partnerships**

#### **Provincial**

- Integrated Partnership for Regional Emergency Management (IPREM)
- Regional Emergency Management Partnership (REMP)
- Provincial Critical Infrastructure Program
- The National Disaster Mitigation Program
- The Canadian Red Cross Auxiliary to Government Agreement
- NGOs

#### **National**

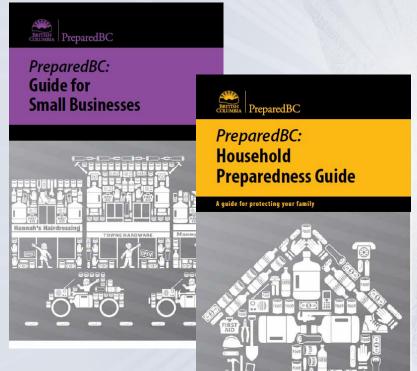
- Memorandum of Understanding with the Province of Alberta\other provinces
- Public Safety and Emergency Management Canada
- The Canadian Armed Forces

#### **International**

- Pacific Northwest Emergency Management Arrangement (PNEMA)
- Co-operative Emergency Arrangements with the states of Alaska, Idaho, Oregon,
   Washington, and the Yukon

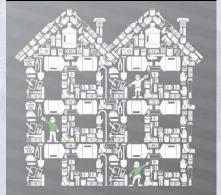


## **Plans and Programs**





**Condos and Townhomes** 





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## **Response Plans and Projects**

#### **Response Plans**

- BC's Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan includes:
  - All Hazard Plan
  - Flood Response Plan
  - Pandemic Influenza Provincial Coordination Plan
  - Provincial Coordination Plan for Wildland Urban Interface Fires
  - Tsunami Notification Process Plan
  - Earthquake Immediate Response Plan

#### **Projects and Initiatives**

- Seismic Microzonation Mapping with the Institute for Catastrophic Loss Reduction
- Flood Plain Mapping
- Seismic Integrated Asset Management schools, bridges, hospitals
- Earthquake Early Warning Systems and Seismic Monitoring



## Thank you

**Questions?**