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LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY SUSPENDED

Situation Under Control Thanks to Round the Clock Work from City Crews and Contractors

PRINCE RUPERT, DECEMBER 24th (12:01 am) – The Local State of Emergency has now expired, and the City will not renew at this time thanks to the continuous efforts of crews to get existing breaks under control. Although Emergency Operations Centre staff remain on standby in case conditions change, the City hopes to provide crews some reprieve over the next few days to spend time with their friends and families.

“We want to extend our extreme gratitude to the staff and contractors who have been working day in and day out to keep water flowing in Prince Rupert,” said Mayor Herb Pond. “We also want to thank the community for its patience while we manage this situation, and our local MLA Jennifer Rice for her support in advocating for Prince Rupert to her colleagues in the Provincial and Federal governments. Prince Rupert has a challenging situation on its hands because of the age and condition of our infrastructure, and we are working as hard as possible to obtain some help towards sustainable solutions.”

City Emergency and Operations personnel will continue to monitor potential impacts from thawing and ground shifting as temperatures continue to warm up, so that the City can call on additional resources again if needed.

With winter conditions in full swing, we continue to recommend residents to run their taps at a slow drip, to have an emergency water supply available (4 L per person, per household for a 72 hour period), and to clear snow from the sidewalk in front of your properties. If you are able, it's also always appreciated to lend a hand to neighbours in need. For a full list of recommendations with respect to snow removal, including a list of Frequently Asked

Questions, head to our website: https://princerupert.ca/snow-and-ice-control-reminder_2022-11-18

Again, the City, on behalf of our Mayor and Council and staff want to thank the community for your patience during this challenging time. We wish all Rupertites a safe and happy holiday season.

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