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PRESS RELEASE

Resiliency Centre Services Expanded in Spences Bridge & Cache Creek

Kamloops, BC – February 1, 2022 – The Thompson Nicola Regional District (TNRD), in partnership with the Gold Country Communities Society, announced that a Resiliency Centre will be open weekly during the month of February in two locations, to support flood-affected residents along the Highway 8 corridor.

Resiliency Centre services will be available on February 2, 9, 16 and 23, in Spences Bridge (10 am to 2 pm), and in Cache Creek (3 pm to 5 pm).

The locations of the two Resiliency Centres are:

1. Spences Bridge School House: 4800 School St., Spences Bridge
2. Gold Country Office: 1095 Todd Rd., Cache Creek

Gold Country staff will be available to provide assistance to residents displaced from their homes. Mental health support staff will also be on site. Resiliency Centre services include assistance accessing funding through the Canadian Red Cross for temporary accommodation and meal expenses, and the Disaster Financial Assistance (DFA) application process.

Through the *Interior Savings Internet to Go* pilot program, five Chromebooks and Kajeet hotspot devices will be available to borrow in Spences Bridge or Cache Creek, on a first-come, first-serve basis, for a period of up to four weeks. Residents looking to borrow an *Interior Savings Internet to Go* kit can apply in-person at the Resiliency Centre they attend.

Support services for flood-affected residents also remain available in the City of Merritt. Please note as of February 1, the Resiliency Centre in Merritt has relocated. The Merritt Support Centre is now open at #101 - 1700 Garcia St. Services are available for residents in Merritt, the TNRD and Indigenous communities who have experienced flooding.

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