

"Emergency Preparedness Week" May 3-9, 2026

- WHEREAS:** emergencies can happen at any time, in any community, and being prepared can greatly reduce the impact on individuals, families, and neighbourhoods; and
- WHEREAS:** Emergency Preparedness Week (EP Week) is a national event that takes place every year during the first full week of May; and
- WHEREAS:** the theme of EP Week for 2026, *"Be Prepared. Know your Risks"*, reminds us that knowing the risks, making a plan, and having an emergency kit are essential steps toward resilience; and
- WHEREAS:** the City recognizes the dedication of first responders, emergency management staff, volunteers, and community organizations who work tirelessly to keep our residents safe; and
- WHEREAS:** the safety and well-being of the residents of Penticton depends on awareness, planning, and preparedness at the household, workplace, and community levels; and
- WHEREAS:** by working together and sharing knowledge, we can strengthen our community's ability to respond to and recover from emergencies.

NOW, THEREFORE I, Mayor Julius Bloomfield, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM May 3 – 9, 2026 as **"Emergency Preparedness Week"** in the City of Penticton. I call upon all residents, community groups, and businesses to take time this week to learn about the risks we face; follow the steps to prepare yourselves; and take part in activities that enhance emergency readiness, foster social cohesion, and create a resilient community prepared to face any emergency together.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Bloomfield", is written over a horizontal line.

Mayor Julius Bloomfield