

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

May 15, 2022

Good afternoon, everyone. We are slowly picking up the pieces and coming to understand the magnitude of this natural disaster. I have met and talked with many of you over the last few days at Enterprise and Paradise Gardens. The emotions are understandably raw not only from the shock of the flood but the unknowns that await you on your return home.

I want to assure you that I and the Emergency Response Team, supported by countless volunteers and first responders have literally been working day and night to assess the damage to infrastructure; including roads, water, sewer, and power.

The Emergency Response Team met this morning, and we are getting a better understanding of the damage and the timelines for repairs. Some of the infrastructure damages are significant and will take weeks (if not months) to fully address in some areas of Town.

That said we understand the frustration that many of you are feeling and the desire to return home to access and understand your personal situation.

Understanding that desire we have made the decision to allow residents to return home.

That said you need to understand that there will be areas of Town where full services especially water, sewer and power will not be available.

You will not have water and sewer in some of the areas. It could be up to 7 days before we can get into the pump station on Riverview to access the damage caused by the flooding.

If you live on Vale Island, there will not be power for a few days until crews can replace broken power poles. The road needs to be inspected for its integrity and safety. As well many propane tanks have been displaced. All this to say that it may be 3-7 days before residents can return to Vale Island and West Channel. Trucked water and sewer services will not be dependant on road conditions.

We recommend that if you are from those areas, that you stay at the evacuation centers or wherever you are located. At those facilities you have basic services and supports available to you.

If you decide to return, there is limited to no hotel or housing capacity to accommodate you if you are returning to the affected areas mentioned above.

The Town will be issuing its return plan later this evening.

I thank you all from the bottom of my heart for your patience and understanding as we navigate through this natural disaster together.

Sincerely

Mayor, Kandis Jameson