



DISTRICT OF UCLUELET

February 2, 2018

Dear Ucluelet Residents,

The District of Ucluelet would like to thank those in the community who provided us feedback following the January 23rd earthquake and tsunami warning event. We received positive comments on many aspects of the District's response to the alert, but also heard some important concerns from the community. District staff also met with first responders and emergency volunteers immediately after the event to conduct a debrief meeting to identify what worked well and how we can improve in the future. If you would like to provide feedback to the District and haven't done so yet, please send your comments by email to info@ucluelet.ca.

Both residents and staff similarly recognized that improvements are required to the following:

- 1) The community tsunami siren system.
- 2) The emergency phone notification system.
- 3) Public notifications through social media and web posts.
- 4) Door-to-door notifications.
- 5) Coordination within the emergency reception centre.

District staff are taking immediate action on these improvements and will provide a follow up report to Council as to their progress.

In addition, the District will be holding an Emergency Preparedness Open House at the Ucluelet Community Centre on March 8th where we will provide an opportunity for residents to ask questions, provide feedback, and learn more about our emergency management programs. This will also be an opportunity for residents to learn about the Emergency Social Services (ESS) volunteer team and how to get involved.

The District Council and staff remain highly committed to building on our well-established emergency management program and supporting our many volunteers. The District is very grateful for the ongoing support and volunteer efforts received from our residents, partner agencies, organizations, and first responders. We look forward to working with all of you to make our community safer and more resilient to emergencies.

Thank you.

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