



News Release



Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District
**BAMFIELD COMMUNITY
EMERGENCY PROGRAM**

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ACRD LAUNCHES NEW EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

Port Alberni, BC – The Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District (ACRD), in partnership with the City of Port Alberni, is excited to implement a new emergency notification system called *Voyent Alert!*

Voyent Alert! is a smartphone application which notifies subscribers about potential hazards and emergencies where they live. This is a project that will bring emergency notifications to the Bamfield Electoral Area and the Alberni Valley, including the City of Port Alberni and the Beaufort, Cherry Creek, Sproat Lake, and Beaver Creek Electoral Areas.

The ACRD and the City encourage all residents to subscribe for free to *Voyent Alert!*. Once they have registered, residents will know immediately if a major emergency should hit their area. Registration is anonymous, and no information you submit is shared or used for marketing purposes.

“Our region is susceptible to a number of possible emergencies, such as flooding, earthquakes, and tsunamis,” explains Regional District Chair John Jack. “The last time we experienced a tsunami warning we heard from the public that there were some communication challenges along the way. We believe the *Voyent Alert!* System addresses those concerns and will help in future emergencies.”

The system will only notify residents if the emergency is significant, such as a tsunami, earthquake, wildfire, boil water advisory, chemical spill, dam breach, and major flooding in the locations that you sign up for. Users will be able to decide if they want to receive notifications through the app, by text, phone call, or email.

“The City of Port Alberni is so pleased to work with the ACRD to offer in this exciting emergency notification system to our residents,” says Port Alberni Mayor Sharie Minions. “Having *Voyent Alert* at your fingertips will give you peace of mind, knowing you will receive information in the case of an emergency close to home.”

The ACRD and Port Alberni join other communities in the region in using this emergency notification system, including Nanaimo, Parksville, Qualicum, and Tofino. You can find out more information on *Voyent Alert!* At: www.acrd.bc.ca/voyentalert

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