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Good morning from what some people refer to as the Wet Coast. We have more than lived up to that name in the past week. In forty-eight hours, the immediate area I live in (Chilliwack BC) received around 300mm of rain. A city and a town have been flooded and vast tracts of farming area have been flooded displacing thousands of cattle. Everything you may have seen on the news is real.

What is also real is the resiliency and ingenuity of people. The night before last a major pump system was in danger of being flooded, which would have resulted in another four to five metres of water added to the mess. The word went out and sometime after midnight three hundred volunteers showed up, individually, and helped build a sandbag wall more than two metres high to protect the building, in less than three hours.

I have been asked many times "What can we do?" Right now, situations are being assessed. As the water recedes the needs will become clearer. We know that the major issue is drinking water. That is what caused the city of Merritt to be evacuated. Their domestic water system and their waste treatment plant compromised each other. Similar situations exist in large areas.

At this moment in time the very best thing that our Lions can do to help as these areas recover, is to contribute to the Lions of Canada Fund for LCIF. www.lionsofcanadafundforlcif.ca We know that absolutely every cent donated goes to those in need. Feel free to share this information with your Lions Clubs and everyone else who is not a Lion yet.

VP Dr. Patti Hill and Rebecca Daou, Executive Director LCIF are following this challenging situation closely. Rebecca's team are fully engaged and standby to assist wherever possible.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me directly via email or 604-316-1368

Regards

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