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Winter Driving – Are you Prepared?

The season is upon us where Mother Nature is not so kind.

Pemberton and Mount Currie have been hit with a cold snap followed by a large amount of snow. This weather has made our roads very icy and a challenge to drive in.

Transport Canada has provided the public with safety tips to allow you to safely get you where you are going this winter.

Tip #1 – Get yourself and your vehicle ready for winter by checking your battery to ensure that it is fully charged and ready for any cold mornings. Ensure that your headlights are in working order. One of the most important parts of your vehicle is your tires. Good winter tires are a must in our area. Properly inflated, high quality winter tires will give you the best traction on winter roads. Did you know that properly inflated tires will help not only with your winter driving but fuel efficiency? Always check your tire pressure in the cold and use the maximum pressure amount shown in the owner manual or on the door frame but never go above the tire pressure as shown on your tires. Ensure that your heating and cooling system is in working order. Check your radiator hoses and drive belts for cracks and leaks. Make sure the radiator cap, water pump and thermostat work properly. Check your coolant/anti-freeze and make sure the heater and



Windshield Wipers are a must in snow and slushy conditions. Make sure that they are in good working order. Always replace blades that streak and try and purchase wiper blades that are specialized for winter weather. Your windshield wiper fluid should be a temperature rating of -40C and always carry extra with you.

TIP #2

Watch the Weather. Before you head out to start your daily commute or outing ensure you check the local weather report or visit www.weatheroffice.qc.ca for an up to date report of the weather.

Did you know that snow and ice are more slippery at 0C than at -20C or below?

If the weather is poor consider staying home. Its not worth risking your life or that of your family.

Tip #3

Prepare for Driving. If the weather is bad avoid driving. If you must drive be prepared. Give yourself extra time to get where you are going, tell someone where you are going and when you are going to be home.

Winter Driving Cont.



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If you head out and realize that the conditions are too hazardous then get to a safe place until conditions improve. Also remember to have enough fuel to get where you are going. It's a good idea to always keep your gas tank at full.

Be Alert! Be cautious of your driving and wear your seat belt. Remember to keep all children under the age of 12 in a booster seat in the back seat of your vehicle and ensure the booster seat is the right size for the child sitting in it.

Remove all snow from your vehicle. This includes your hood. Snow will slip to the rear of the vehicle and possibly cover the rear window obstructing your view of the road and people behind you. Ensure your lights are free from any snow.

Avoid passing any vehicles in bad weather and NEVER pass a snow plow!

Put more distance between you and the

vehicle in front of you.

Tip #4

Avoid Collisions. The danger of skidding is greatest when you are taken by surprise. Know how your vehicle handles in the snow and ice. **Use caution when using overdrive and cruise control.**

To avoid skidding drive at a speed relative to the conditions. SLOW DOWN and allow for extra time. If you are feeling pressured from the vehicles behind you, pull over in a safe area and let them pass.

If you find yourself in a skid, take your foot off the gas and avoid braking hard as this will only make the skid worse.

Tip #5

If you find yourself in a snowbank or in a storm. Don't Panic. Ensure your tail pipe is not blocked by snow. Put on your four way hazard lights and try and stay warm. Ensure that you have a fully

charged cell phone with you to allow you to call for help if you need. Be careful of oncoming traffic. It's better to stay inside your vehicle and call for help.

Have an Emergency Kit in your car with the following items

- *shovel
- *Sand or Kitty Litter
- *Traction mats
- *Tow Chain
- *Compass
- *Cloth or roll of paper towels
- *warning light or road flares
- *Emergency food pack
- * booster cables
- *matches and survival candle in a deep can
- *fire extinguisher
- *extra windshield washer fluid
- *fuel line antifreeze
- *reflective vest
- *road maps
- *ice scraper
- *flashlight
- *first aid kit
- *blanket

For more information visit

www.tc.gc.ca

Dangers of Hitchhiking

According to Section 182(3) of the Motor Vehicle Act of Canada indicates that no person shall be on a roadway to solicit a ride.

It can be extremely dangerous to get into a vehicle with someone you don't know. Every time a person puts their thumb out to solicit a ride they put themselves at risk. The driver could be

impaired or they may want to cause you physical harm.

If you are planning to go out, plan ahead for a safe ride home.

Pemberton has a transit bus that goes between Mount Currie and Pemberton from 5:30 am to 8:00 pm daily.

Taxi services run 24 hrs per day 7 days a week.

Know the risks

before you consider hitchhiking. It could save your life!



Crisis Intervention and Suicide Prevention Center in British Columbia

The Crisis Centre has been providing emotional support to youth, adults and seniors in distress since 1969.

As a safe place to turn when there seems to be no hope, the Crisis Centre is operated by 350+ front line volunteers and a small team of professional staff who support and empower individuals to see their own strengths and options, 24 hours a day 7 days a week.

Programs Available are

24/7 Distress Phone

Is a service operating four regional crisis lines and two 1-800-SUICIDE lines. These are connected to a network of crisis lines across BC.

YouthinBC.com

Online service where BC youth can connect live, one-on-one with a crisis chat volunteer, obtain email support from professional staff, locate timely and accurate information on different issues and connect to referral services in their own community

It delivers youth suicide prevention and stress management workshops to teens in grades 8 to 12 throughout the Lower Mainland and Sea-to-Sky corridor each year.

The Crisis Centre serves the communities of Vancouver, Burnaby, North Vancouver, West Vancouver, the Sea-to-Sky Corridor (Squamish, Whistler & Pemberton),

the Sunshine Coast and Powell River. Toll-free access is provided to the Sea-to-Sky Corridor and the Sunshine Coast. Services are also provided province-wide through youthInBC.com (the web-based hotline for youth in distress) and 1-800-Suicide operated in participation with the Distress Line Network of BC). Visit

www.crisiscenter.bc.ca

1st Annual Karate Tournament in Mount Currie

“The purpose of the tournament was to promote participation within the communities of Pemberton and Mount Currie, as well as karate clubs within the province and Canada.”

On November 20, 2010 the Ull’us Community Complex in Mount Currie was host to the 1st Annual Qepen Karate Tournament.

Wim Tewinkel of the Pemberton Karate Club and Daniel Cindric of the Mount Currie Recreation Commission worked together to host the very successful tournament.

People from all ages, nationalities and levels, took part in the one day tournament.

It brought people from Mount Currie, Lillooet, and Pemberton.

St’atl’imx Tribal Police’s own, Dean Hill competed and proudly took home two silver medals, one in Kata and the other in Kumite.

Some other medal winners were:
Best Overall Male – Payton Dan

Best Overall Female – Emily Williams

Most Promising Male – Mixalhcen Ned

Most Promising Female – Sydney Bikadi

The tournament was

watched and enjoyed by many and scheduled for next year on October 15, 2011.

For more information about the tournament, and about karate classes in Pemberton, Mount Currie and Poole Creek please visit

www.shitoryukarate.ca

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History of Stl'atl'imx Tribal Police Service

The Stl'atl'imx Tribal Police Service (STPS), established December 1, 1999, evolved from a security program implemented by the Lillooet Band Council in 1986. Under this program, security personnel patrolled reserve areas, engaged in preventive work, and reported criminal activity to the RCMP as appropriate.

In 1988, the Lillooet Tribal Council expanded the concept by creating a peacekeeping program for the Lillooet Tribe. Eight peacekeepers were assigned to the Stl'atl'imx Nation communities of T'it'q'et, Chalath and Lil'wat.

In 1992, a Memorandum of Understanding was signed between seven Stl'atl'imx Nation communities, the

Solicitor General of Canada and the Attorney General of the province of British Columbia, which established the peacekeeping program as a tribal policing pilot project.

The Memorandum of Understanding included a Protocol Agreement with the RCMP which, as the provincial police force, retained jurisdictional authority in the participating communities. The pilot project was funded by the federal and provincial governments.

Over the next few years, modifications were made to the initial Memorandum of Understanding, including the signing of additional Stl'atl'imx Nation communities.

In 1999, the STPS was

established as a designated policing unit and police force, with full jurisdictional authority under the Police Act (s. 4.1 – 4.2). A five-year Tripartite Agreement was signed between the ten participating Stl'atl'imx Nation communities, and the Federal and Provincial Governments. The STPS – RCMP Protocol Agreement was amended to reflect the increased role of the STPS.

The STPS continues to provide policing services in the ten participating Stl'atl'imx Nation communities.

About Our Organization...

The Stl'atl'imx Tribal Police provides a community based service that reflects the needs, customs, culture and rights of the St'at'imc

people and is committed to the safety and security of our communities and ensures that the St'at'imc people, and

others, are always treated with dignity and respect.