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PROVINCE HELPS FUND URGENT PORT COQUITLAM DIKE WORK

VICTORIA – Critical and urgent repairs, necessary to protect surrounding communities, will be immediately made to the Pitt River Dike in Port Coquitlam, announced Public Safety Minister John Les today.

The provincial inspector of dikes has ordered the city of Port Coquitlam to repair the dike by June 4.

“This is a serious dike safety situation that poses a direct threat to public safety and so we’re taking action now by offering to equally cost share with the City of Port Coquitlam on this \$2-million upgrade,” said Les. “The City has known about this risk for two weeks but has not acted and so the Province is stepping in.”

The Inspector of Dikes issued the order against Port Coquitlam on May 18 after test pits dug by the city’s consulting engineers found the dike needed to be completely reconstructed.

Municipalities and regional districts are responsible for maintaining dikes under their authority. Diking authorities do not require an order from the Inspector of Dikes in order to initiate required work.

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