



## **Relief funding going to be available from the Province of Alberta and the Red Cross in Drayton Valley**

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DRAYTON VALLEY- The Town of Drayton Valley has received over 250 evacuees to our area over the last week. The Reception Centre at the Drayton Valley Omniplex is available for all evacuees arriving to our community.

The provincial government will be providing relief funding to individuals affected by the wildfire evacuation in Fort McMurray in the amounts of \$1250 for individuals and \$500 for each dependent. For more information on the way to access funding go to: <http://www.alberta.ca/emergency.cfm>

The distribution of emergency financial assistance from Red Cross begins today and will be provided to evacuees in a number of different ways – including electronic banking transfers through email, money orders, cash cards, or vouchers – depending on people’s current location in Canada and the quickest, most secure way to receive these funds.

We are also encouraging all evacuees to check-in at the reception center daily for updates.

Important information is as follows:

- Cash donations can be made to the Red Cross through the website: [www.redcross.ca](http://www.redcross.ca) or by texting #REDCROSS 30333.
- Our Local Drayton Valley Foodbank is accepting donations. You can contact and make a NON PERISHABLE FOOD donation by calling: 780 514 3777
- Information on accessing provincial funding can be found here: <http://www.alberta.ca/emergency.cfm>

If you have friends or family members arriving from one of the evacuated areas in Fort McMurray and surrounding area we encourage them to register in person at the reception center at the Drayton Valley Omniplex located at 5737 45<sup>th</sup> Avenue or call 780 514 2234.

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