

Use and Limitations of Floodplain Maps

- Users must note the dates of base mapping, aerial photography, river surveys and issue of modeling relevant to dates of development in the map area. Subsequent developments or changes within the floodplain, or channel (natural or man-made) can affect flood levels and render site specific map information obsolete.
- Floodplain maps are administrative tools which depict arbitrary flood elevations and floodplain boundaries. Flooding may occur outside of the designated floodplain boundary.
- Floodplain maps do not provide information on site-specific flood hazards such as; land use, ground water velocity, sudden shifts in the channel of the water course, or physical and debris flow for areas.
- Other sources of water, roads, railways or other barriers can restrict water flow and affect local flood levels. As well, obstructions such as ice and debris, flooding in surrounding areas, channel migration, groundwater or other phenomena can cause flood levels to exceed those indicated on the map. Land adjacent to a floodplain may be subject to flooding from tributary water courses.
- Floodplain maps do not indicate or locate legal survey boundaries. A site survey is required to determine property location, ground elevations, and designated flood level information.

The accuracy of the location of a floodplain boundary as shown on this map is limited by the topography. It is generally assumed to be plus or minus one half the increment of the ground contours.

Professional assistance and detailed engineering analysis are required to address any of the above considerations.

- Users must note the dates of **base map** and **photograph**, river surveys, **duration of study**, relevant status of **development in the map area**. **Superimposed developments** or **changes with the floodplain** or **channel (natural or constructed)**, **with which flood levels and gender site-specific map information obsolete.**
- Floodplain maps are administrative tools which depict **primary flood elevations** and **floodplain boundaries**. Flooding may occur **inside the design flood elevation boundary**.
- Floodplain maps do not provide information on **area subject to flood heights** surface, **land use, soil strength** or **water depth** in the channel or on **the flood plain**. **They do not indicate the direction of flow.**
- Other sources of water, ponds, railways or other barriers can restrict water flow and affect local flood levels. As well, **obstructions such as ice and debris, flooding in surrounding areas, channel degradation, groundwater** or other phenomena can cause **flood levels to exceed those indicated on the map**. **Land adjacent to a floodplain may be subject to flooding from tributary water courses.**
- Floodplain maps do not indicate or locate **regulatory flood protection measures**. A site study is required to establish protection measures and **evaluate the effectiveness of flood protection measures.**
- The accuracy of the location of a floodplain boundary, shown on this map, is limited by the site topography. It is generally assumed to be plus or minus one half the increment of the ground contour.
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KEY MAP

FLOODPLAIN DATA

LEGEND

KEY MAP

REVISIONS

TOPOGRAPHIC MAPPING

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FLOODPLAIN MAPPING

NANAIMO RIVER

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SCALE

1:5000
NEGATIVE No.

DRAWING No.

84-29-2

SHEET 2 of 3

360300 D

200/80 D
