FLOOD INFORMATION MAP

FLOODING IN OUTER COVE

Floods may cause damage to personal property, disrupts the lives of individuals and communities, and can be a threat to life itself. Continuing development of flood plains increases these risks. The governments of Canada and Newfoundland and Labrador are sometimes asked to compensate property owners for damage by floods or are expected to find solutions to these problems.

Localized flooding has been an ongoing problem for the residents of Outer Cove. These floods have been caused by undersized culverts as well as high flows from heavy rainfall and snow melt.

Limits of Mapping

OUTER COVE
NEWFOUNDLAND

Legend
- Normal Water Level
- 1:20 Year Flood Zone
- 1:100 Year Flood Zone

Scale
(metres)

0 100 200 300 400 500

A "designated floodway" (1:20 flood zone) is the area subject to the most frequent flooding.

A "designated floodway fringe" (1:100 year flood zone) constitutes the remainder of the flood risk area. This area generally receives less damage from flooding.

No building or structure should be erected in the "designated floodway" since extensive damage may result from deeper and more swiftly flowing waters. However, it is often desirable, and may be acceptable, to use land in this area for agricultural or recreational purposes.

Within the "floodway fringe" a building, or an alteration to an existing building, should receive flood proofing measures. A variety of these may be used, e.g. the placing of a dyke around the building, the construction of a building on raised land, or by the special design of a building.

The designated flood risk maps are suitable for use by elected officials, land use planners, builders and residents seeking home or business locations. They may be viewed at the Town Council Office in Outer Cove or at Department of Environment and Labour offices in St. John's.

Other Flood Information Maps
- Bishop's Falls
- Cuff's Cove
- Deer Lake
- Glanbrook/Valleyfield
- Parson's Pond
- Placentia
- Rushoon
- Stephenville
- Stephenville Crossing
- Torbay Bight
- Winterton

Copies of the designated Flood Risk Maps may be ordered for a nominal fee from:
Department of Government Services and Lands
Surveys and Mapping Division
Howley Building, Higgins Line
P.O. Box 8700
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