



SONS OF NORWAY FOUNDATION IN CANADA
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To: Sons of Norway Lodges and Affiliate Groups in Canada

**Regarding: SONS OF NORWAY FOUNDATION IN CANADA Humanitarian
Financial Support Fund**

Another summer and again we find ourselves facing catastrophic events in Forest Fires and Floods. These disasters are occurring throughout British Columbia though for the most part within 100 km of Williams Lake, particularly to the west. Other hot spots include Ashcroft/Cache Creek, 100 Mile House, Wells Gray Park, and Assiniboine Park. It is reported that as of July 24 that over 369,000 hectares have burned. Kelowna has also seen flooding due to heavy rains but this has been overshadowed by the extensive Forest Fire situations.

We can also report that during these catastrophic events many had to be evacuated from their homes, sometimes for hundreds of kilometers. Fortunately few homes have received fire damage or completely destroyed except for the loss of many destroyed homes in the Ashcroft area.

As an outreach program of Sons of Norway, we are concerned about members of our Nordic community that may be affected by these disasters. I can advise that our SONS OF NORWAY FOUNDATION IN CANADA has re-activated our Humanitarian Financial Support Fund – this time for losses resulting from these 2017 Forest Fire and Flooding disasters. This funding project is now open for cash donations which will be acknowledged with Tax Receipts. Lodges, affiliate groups and individuals are invited to contribute to this funding project. The Fund is not continuous but is set up on a project basis. In other words, a “Funding Project” is a sunset event. The time window for the ‘2017 Fire and Flood Disaster Project’ will run until October 15, 2017. Distribution of funds will be processed after this date upon applications to our Foundation Secretary.

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To donate please go to www.sonfic.ca and click on *Donations >> Donation Support Programs >> Grants/Apply for Funding (section) >> Humanitarian Support* – for complete information on making donations.

Applications for funding can be submitted to our Foundation Secretary, Helen Evjen, at any time. Applications for grants can be submitted by any Lodge or affiliate group on behalf of a person or persons having losses due to Forest Fire or Flooding. Applications must include information on the details of the losses. Applications deadline for this funding project is October 15th, 2017.

If you require more information on this funding project, please contact myself, Tore Pettersen, at president@sonfic.ca or Secretary Helen Evjen at secretary@sonfic.ca .

For your information, we are including with this letter our Humanitarian Financial Support Fund Policy.

Fraternally,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tore Pettersen', with a large, stylized initial 'T'.

Tore Pettersen, President
Sons of Norway Foundation in Canada

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