



Town of Hay River EMO Update

Breakup Report for Monday, May 4, 2020 @ 18:45

Breakup is moving along very quickly at this point and we have a push coming into Hay River area in the early evening. We expect to see a lot of ice movement on both channels and high water.

Weather for the next few days

High Level area is presently warm and is showing a temperature of plus 19 on Monday and plus 18 on Tuesday and plus 20 on Wednesday with spotty showers.

Hay River area will be cooler at plus 3 on Monday and plus 10 on Tuesday, and a high of plus 15 on Wednesday

Water Levels

The Chinchaga is still sitting at about 1.9 meters and appears to be climbing.

Meander River has broken up and clear of ice, levels in that area are dropping and are down to about 6 meters.

The Hay River at the Zama turnoff has broken up.

Steen River has dropped to 3.5

The gauge at the NWT Alberta Border has malfunctioned but the camera is still up and running, and the jam in front of the bend has cleared in its entirety and that wave is on its way to Hay River. We expect the effects of that early evening and we are seeing a rise at the Falls to over 1,100 cm/s

The falls are still running at close to 1,100 cm/s and trending up. At this time there is no sign of ice, but we expect some ice when the border release gets to the falls.

Paradise Valley has broken up and levels are still high. At the time of this report, there is no ice in that area

We expect to see a lot of movement in the ice locally down both channels

The water levels in Hay River are going to rising rapidly tonight.

The Alert that was put out close to 48 hours ago is still valid and could move to an evacuation notice within the next few hours. Please be prepared in the event of flooding.

All disabled persons have been evacuated from both Vale Island and West Channel. We are still hoping for the best but planning for the worst-case scenario.

Your EMO Team would like to remind you to ensure you are prepared for the possibility of an evacuation of the Old Town and/or Vale Island.

EMO personnel are monitoring the situation and will continue to advise of conditions as they develop.