



Town of Hay River EMO Update

Breakup Report for Sunday, May 3, 2020 08:00

Breakup is still moving along a little quicker now with breakup starting to happen at the border. Water levels above the border remain high with the Chinchaga still running at about 1.7 meters.

Weather for the few days

High Level area is presently warm and is showing a temperature of plus 19 Sunday and plus 17 on Monday and plus 15 on Tuesday and plus 16 on Wednesday with spotty showers.

Hay River area will be cooler at plus 10 Sunday and down to plus 3 on Monday and plus 7 on Tuesday, and a high of plus 13 on Wednesday

Water Levels

The Chinchaga is still sitting at about 1.7 meters and holding at that height.

Meander River has broken up and 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 meters so far today, but we expect that to fluctuate throughout the day.

The water levels at the NWT Alberta Border are still rising, and it is still breaking up in that area. The last picture I received from that sight showed loose ice floating by.

The falls broke yesterday morning and the levels rose considerably and hit a high of close to 1,200 cm/s it has since dropped, and at the time of this report is running at 560 cm/s and rising. Water levels at this site will be going up and down as ice jams release upstream.

Paradise Valley has broken up and levels are very high. It appears like there is a jam holding up somewhere between Paradise and the Golf Course and when that releases, we will see a rise in water and breaking up of ice in the Hay River area.

There is presently movement of ice and breaking up at the Pine Point Bridge

The water levels in Hay River are rising quite a bit quicker now with a gain of about a meter overnight. There is water gathering on top of the ice on the West Channel and water levels are rising in that area. The East Channel has seen some snow melt but is still holding firm.

The Alert that was put out yesterday is still valid and could move to an evacuation notice within the next 24 hours. 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.