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## Public Notice

### Hay River Breakup Planning and Preparedness

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Please be advised that the Town of Hay River is undertaking river breakup mitigation and preparedness activities once again this year with special considerations of COVID-19 constraints and current high-water levels risks.

The Town and the Local Emergency Measures Organization in consultation with the Territorial Emergency Measures Organization are planning and preparing for various levels of breakup scenarios and associated severity levels. Included in the scenario planning is the potential evacuation of Vale Island. Evacuations have been an activity conducted in past breakups. More public information on evacuation and registration procedures will follow in April but now is a good time to consider COVID compliant private arrangements for accommodations of family and pets.

Into April, residents residing in flood risk areas (see attached) should be taking steps to prepare for potential flooding. Residents and property owners are responsible for the protection of their property and assets. Ensure equipment and belongings that can be moved are placed out of harms way and safeguard electrical and heating appliances. It is also recommended that you speak to your insurance company to understand flood related coverage options.

More public information will be provided to residents through the Town of Hay River Facebook page, the Town website ([www.hayriver.com/breakup/](http://www.hayriver.com/breakup/)), our Emergency Measures subscription email system (subscribe at [www.hayriver.com/breakup/](http://www.hayriver.com/breakup/)), and our recorded call-in service 833-699-0188. Public meetings are also being planned for dates to be determined.

We thank residents in advance for your support in ensuring a safe breakup of the Hay River.

Glenn Smith  
Senior Administrative Officer

