



Town of Hay River Protective Services Town of Hay River EMO Update

May 6, 2021 Breakup Report @ 0800 Hours

Breakup continues with water levels in Northern Alberta rising at Sousa Creek, and Chinchaga River has leveled off. Levels have been rising steadily on the Hay River at all monitoring stations.

It appears that the ice broke at Steen River overnight as there was a drop in the level at that site

There is water flowing at the Border Station, and the breakup has occurred in that area. Levels are starting to level off. It appears like some of the water from the Steen River has started to pass by the border.

There is water flowing over the falls with a small amount of ice at this time, and we expect to see broken ice continue to float by the camera as the breakup continues upstream. Our monitoring station is presently down, parts for that station should be on an aircraft this morning, so hopefully, this station will be back online before the day's end.

Paradise Valley levels rose a little yesterday, and some breakup has occurred on the edges of the ice jam. We expect to see some movement in this area soon.

The monitoring station at Delancey Estates shows water from bank to bank, indicating that ice is starting to move closer to town.

Pine Point Bridge Monitoring station shows that it is presently jammed. There will be movement in that area as the day progresses.

There is some cracking of ice at the Caboose location at this time.

There is a water flow above and below the ice on the West Channel, and some ice is stacking down the East Channel. It appears that the water is getting to the lake on the West Channel currently.

We will see temperatures rise over the next few days, which will increase the melt of ice and snow, and we will see levels on the Southern NWT Watershed growing more rapidly.

As breakup is now imminent locally, if you live on Vale Island or West Channel, please prepare for the possibility of an evacuation with relatively short notice.

EMO and Water Resource people are monitoring levels and will advise as things change.

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