



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

May 6, 2021 Breakup Report @ 2200Hours

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.

During our flight this morning, we discovered that there was pretty much no ice remaining from Steen River to the falls. There was a small section of ice in the Indian Cabins area but that was it.

From the falls to Hay River, there was sheet ice intermixed with some broken ice and open sections. The open sections were minimal at that time.

Paradise Valley levels are rising, and some breakup has occurred on the edges of the ice jam. The ice seems to be well routed at this time. We expect to see more 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 running pretty much free and clear of ice.

Breakup is occurring in Hay River as I write this. Most of the breakup has occurred down the West Channel, and water is flowing onto the lake, most heading west but some east. Water is working its way back up the Oxbow, and mitigation efforts are being accomplished.

There is no evacuation order, but please be prepared should we have to evacuate the area.

Some breakup is occurring on the East Channel, but it appears to have stalled for now

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

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