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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 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 / West Channel. Evacuations have been an activity conducted in past breakups. More public information on evacuation and registration procedures will follow but now is a good time to consider private arrangements for accommodations of family and pets.

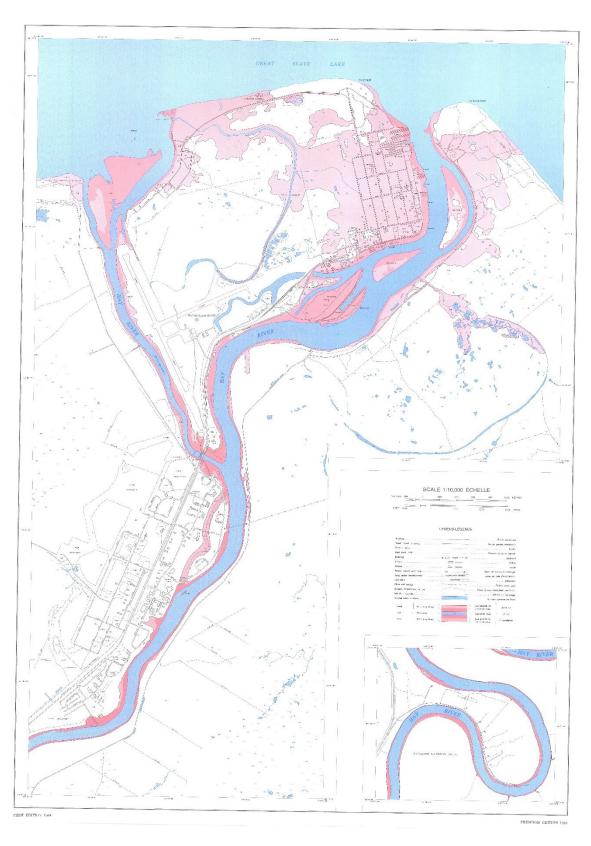
Through April, residents residing in flood risk areas (see attached) should be taking steps to prepare for potential flooding. Residents and property owners are responsible for the protection of their property and assets. Ensure equipment and belongings that can be moved are placed out of harms way and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

More public information will be provided to residents through the Town of Hay River Facebook page, the Town website (www.hayriver.com/breakup/), our Emergency Measures subscription email system (subscribe at www.hayriver.com/breakup/), and our recorded call-in service 833-699-0188. A Public Meeting is also being planned with a date to be determined.

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

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Senior Administrative Officer



Hay River Area Flood Risk Map (1984) – Due to current high water levels, the flood risk areas may be slightly larger than represented. Digital version found at www.hayriver.com/breakup