



Flood Preparedness Public Meeting

Community Hall - Hay River Community Centre

Wednesday, April 20, 2022

Agenda

1. Breakup Background
2. Current Conditions and Monitoring
3. Flood Preparedness
4. Registration & Evacuation Procedures
5. Communication Channels
6. Questions and Answers

Breakup Background

- ▶ General
- ▶ Planning and Management

Breakup Background - Pictures 1963



Main Street, May 1963 facing North - during Break-Up



After Flood in 1963. L to R - Herve's Barber Shop & Shower Bath, Grimshaw Trucking, Tall Building, Yellowknife Transportation bunkhouse and the Pool Hall.

Breakup Background - Pictures 2003



Breakup Background - Pictures 2008



Breakup Background - Pictures 2008



Breakup Background - May 10, 2021



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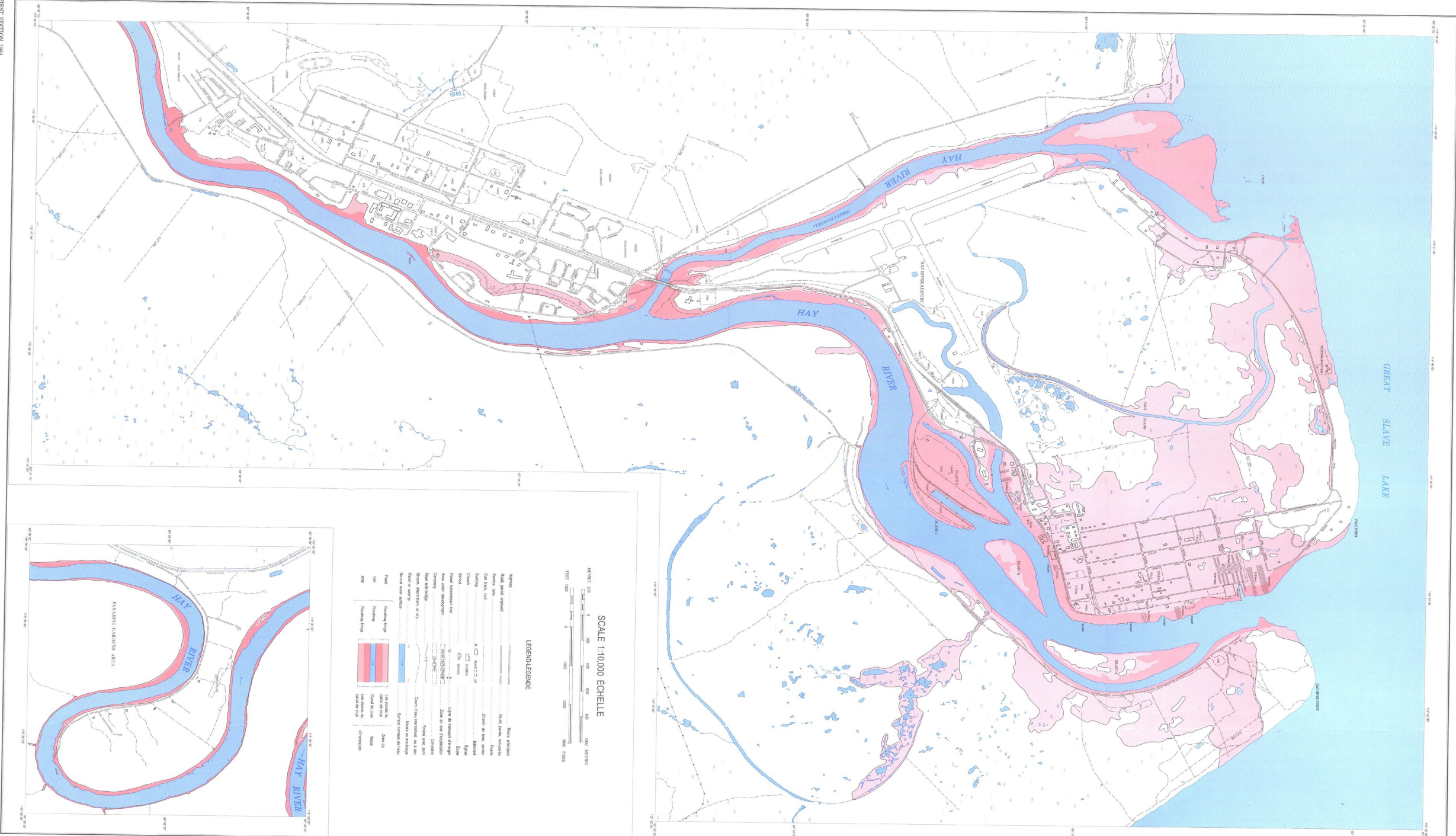


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Current Conditions and Forecasting

- ▶ Snow loads to the south of us were at about 108% to 140% of normal this year
- ▶ Water levels are slowly rising along the water shed, the Chinchauga water level is below 1 meter as of 10:00 AM this morning
- ▶ Hay River weather will be warming up this week to plus temperatures over the next 7 days with below zero temperatures at night.
- ▶ High Level weather will be running at plus temperatures during the day and below zero at night for the next 7 days
- ▶ Local ice conditions show close to average thickness but there is more water under the ice than normal.
- ▶ EMO personnel are keeping a close eye on conditions and will keep you informed as breakup progresses.

Monitoring Activities

- ▶ Cameras and water level monitors.
- ▶ Monitoring team
- ▶ Other imaging / reporting

Flood Preparedness - Property

- ▶ Move equipment, vehicles and belongings stored outside.
- ▶ Pump out sewer tanks.
- ▶ Install barriers to protect low lying assets.
- ▶ Elevate supplies and equipment stored in garages and sheds.
- ▶ Prepare and check sump or other pumps.
- ▶ Install weather protection sealant around the base of any low-level doors.
- ▶ Take special precautions to safeguard electrical or propane heating.

Flood Preparedness - Evacuation

- ▶ Make temporary accommodation arrangements with friends and family.
- ▶ Prepare RV / Camper for use as temporary accommodations.
- ▶ Have sufficient clothing and essentials for yourself and family members packed and ready to go.
- ▶ Make a household emergency plan and a basic emergency kit.
- ▶ Ensure to include any prescriptions and medications for all family members.
- ▶ Prepare supplies and create a plan for accommodations of your pets.

Registration and Evacuation Procedures

- ▶ An evacuation order will be communicated to residents.
- ▶ Pack household travel kit including medicines.
- ▶ Pack basic emergency kit.
- ▶ Gather pets and pet supply kit.
- ▶ Shutoff propane tanks and appliances
- ▶ Register household (3 options) :
 - ▶ Online form available at <https://hayriver.com/breakup/>
 - ▶ Call in to Registration Centre 1-833-699-0188
 - ▶ or visit Registration Centre at Hay River Community Centre (Rec Centre).
- ▶ Travel to planned accommodation option. If assisted travel is required, contact Registration Centre at 1-833-699-0188.

Evacuation Accommodations

1. Friends and Family
 2. RV Park (Hay River Community Centre)
 3. Evacuation Centre (Hay River Community Centre)
 4. Commercial Accommodations
 5. Adopt an Evacuee (tbd)
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- ▶ HRHSSA and Town Recreation staff will be available at the Community Centre, during operating hours, to provide information and support during an evacuation order.

Communication Channels

- ▶ Town of Hay River Facebook
- ▶ Town of Hay River Website (hayriver.com/breakup)
- ▶ Emergency Measures Email System
- ▶ Emergency Responders
- ▶ Registration Centre - 833-699-0188
- ▶ NWT Alert System

Questions and Answers