

Hay River Reopening Plan

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All residents are strongly advised to read this document in its entirety to ensure that they fully understand the contents.

Changes from yesterday in **Teal**

Lift Station #1 is now operational with reduced installed capacity and contingency. Several auxiliary systems within the building will need to be repaired and replaced in the coming months. The lift station will be continually monitored this week. All properties within the main town should now have water and sewer services restored with the exception of some properties on Gatez Drive – crews are working on the issue at this time and expect restoration by May 24th.

Paradise Gardens - Gravel has been supplied to support local access trail. Surveying and preliminary engineering assessment completed for temporary road construction. Temporary road construction planned for week of May 22.

The Premier and members of Cabinet toured the Hay River community today.

Spill Response- Volunteers have deployed several spill response materials on properties within the West Channel. Spill response materials from GNWT are available and located at the turn around at the end of west channel on the Mackenzie highway. Materials available include spill booms, spill pads, garbage bags and large contaminated soils bags. Please report spills to the NWT Spill line at 1-867-920-8130. Information on disposal methods for contaminated materials will be provided later.

Volunteer Flood Cleanup Program to assist with cleanup and dewatering. If you need help with your property, call 1-833-699-0188 press option #3.

Fans and Dehumidifiers: thanks to our friends at the Village of Fort Simpson, we have a supply of fans, dehumidifiers, and shop vacs available for checkout at the donation center.

Paradise Gardens: road access to paradise gardens remains limited to local traffic for residents accessing their properties. Town engineering is assessing the road and bank stability and is working on temporary road access

An FAQ has been created and added to the breakup page. It will be amended as new questions are asked.

Private Property Assessments and Abatement

GNWT Pathfinders have been set up at the Hay River Community Centre. All impacted residents should register for an assessment, emergency repairs, and for Disaster Recovery and Assistance at the community hall or at <https://www.gov.nt.ca/en/newsroom/disaster-recovery-and-assistance>

Pathfinders are available to help guide property owners through the process and assist them with applications through the GNWT's Disaster Assistance Policy.

It is suggested that property owners take pictures of their property damage and contact their insurance company prior to any repairs.

If a property did sustain flooding, owners should have electrical and gas inspections completed before occupying. To contact the Electrical and Mechanical Safety Infrastructure inspectors, please contact 867-767-9043. Please refer to the GNWT's "RETURNING HOME SAFELY AFTER FLOODING" checklist found at www.hayriver.com/breakup.

Infrastructure and Utility Update

Hazard assessments of major infrastructure and utility distribution systems were completed by local utility and public works providers. These inspections do not include service inspections of private property.

The reopening plan considers the results of the distribution level inspections and the general safety of community zones. It does not consider risks that may be the result of individual property damage caused by flooding. Private property holders will need to schedule assessments of their property to ensure safe to occupy.

All residents will be permitted to return to the Town of Hay River. However, in some areas one or more critical service will not be available and some areas remain inaccessible.

It is critical that returning residents understand the specific services which are available at their property when deciding as to when it is appropriate to return.

Sewer and Water services are available at the Visitor Information Center for trailers and RVs. Washroom and shower services are available at the Hay River Community Centre.

Boil Water Advisory is still in effect. Anticipate increased colouration due to turbidity.

Upon return, if residents determine their home is not habitable due to flood damage, residents will be able to return to the host evacuation centers (Yellowknife, Fort Smith etc.) for short term accommodation. Contact the Registration Center at 1-833-699-0188 for assistance. Midterm housing plans will be identified.

Infrastructure and Utility Types Assessed

- Electrical Distribution Systems;
- Wastewater Systems;
- Road Systems.
- Water Systems.
- Heating Distribution Systems.

Risk Classifications

- Green: All utility and infrastructure systems functional.
- Yellow: One utility or infrastructure system compromised.
- Orange: Multiple utility and infrastructure systems non-functional.

Zone Summaries

Green Zones – All utility and infrastructure systems functional.

- Mile 5
- McRorie Rd. South through Miron Drive.
- McRorie Rd. to West Channel Bridge east of highway #2 – exception of Gatez Drive
- Corridor (excluding Paradise Gardens)
- 553 including Saskatoon and Cranberry
- Industrial Area
- West Channel Bridge to Airport
- Downtown Core and Highway Commercial between Northwestel and Boardroom Restaurant
- Old Town

Yellow Zones - One utility or infrastructure system compromised.

- none

Orange Zones - Multiple utility and infrastructure systems non-functional.

No trucked water or sewer service until road accessible by heavy vehicles.

- Paradise Gardens
 - Considerable damage to over 1km of road surface with bank erosion and undercutting of bank. Impassable in some sections.
 - Power distribution network is online. Some properties require electrical inspections.
 - Gravel has been supplied to support local access trail. Surveying and preliminary engineering assessment completed for temporary road construction. Temporary road construction planned for week of May 22.