



Public Notice

Hay River Breakup Update

Tuesday May 10th, 2022 – 10am

Last update provided was May 9th, 2022 at 5pm.

An evacuation order remains in place for Vale Island / West Channel and Paradise Gardens residents. An evacuation alert is in place for all riverfront properties within the community boundaries which includes the Corridor, Miron Drive, McBryan Drive, Capital Drive, and Riverview Drive. Any residents within the area of the evacuation order should be staying at alternative locations and be registered with the Registration Center (833-699-0188). All residents within the areas of the evacuation alert should be prepared to evacuate if flood risks elevate at their property. Preparedness information can be found at www.hayriver.com/breakup.

Overnight there were no reported movements of ice jams that are situated within the Hay River community boundaries. River imaging should confirm later today where remaining ice packs are situated. Water levels within the community continue to rise at a slow rate causing increased flooding of properties. Water flow over the highway on the island is becoming more prevalent impeding safe travel into the area. More water and ice are anticipated to connect with the main jam that extends through the West and East Channels which will result in increased flooding.

With sections of the Vale Island highway under water, access to the island is restricted. Highway officers at the Vale Island bridge checkpoint have control of access to the island. Please contact the airport or air lines directly to get an update on flight status.

Water levels continue to climb slightly on the Hay River basin within Northern Alberta. Environment Canada's NWT/AB border monitoring system was repaired and back online yesterday. Water levels are near recorded highs at this location and again slightly increasing.

Weather conditions have improved for Hay River with precipitation ending last night. Temperatures in Hay River will climb above zero and warm through the week. High level will see double digit plus temperatures by tomorrow. Warm temperatures will assist with ice movement. However, snow melt in the community of Hay River will cause some increased stress to storm systems that are already backed up due to height of the river. Town crews will be removing snow in the downtown area and working to alleviate storm and drainage system pressures.

Support services through evacuees are officially being offered through the Registration Centre at the Hay River Community Centre and Soaring Eagle Friendship Centre. Snacks and refreshments are available throughout the operating day at the Registration Centre while hot food meals are available at the Friendship Centre. United Way NWT has provided support for funding these food services.

Income assistance support programs from the GNWT are available for qualified recipients. More information is available on www.hayriver.com/breakup or by calling 833-926-2110. Community mental

health and wellness support services are being offered through Hay River Health and Social Services. Call 867-874-8450 for assistance.

While the focus of emergency response team remains on response to the current breakup activity, preparation for recovery activities has started. United Way NWT has begun collecting funds to support flood response and recovery. To donate visit www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/united-way-nwt/. Follow them on Facebook at facebook.com/unitedwaynwt. A local Facebook group, “Hay River Helps” has also been setup for those interested in directly assisting evacuees at this time.

A public meeting will be held Tuesday, May 10th at 7:30pm at the Aurora Ford Arena at the Hay River Community Centre. An update will be provided on monitoring and response activities with a question period to follow.

Town of Hay River Breakup Updates are scheduled for standard release at 10am and 5pm daily. Special updates may be released outside of these hours. Updates are available through www.hayriver.com/breakup, Emergency Measures Information / Registration Line at 833-699-0188, Hay River Facebook page, and through the Emergency Measures Email subscription service.