



Public Notice

Hay River Breakup Update

Wednesday May 11, 2022 – 10am

Last update provided was May 10 , 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.

No significant changes have occurred with the river and ice conditions overnight. However, water levels continue to rise slowly within Town boundaries. Ice jams remain in place locally extending from the lake to a few kilometers south of Paradise Gardens. There are some small sections of open water within. More flooding is anticipated with pending increases in water and future pushes and releases of ice jams.

Water flowing over the highway on Vale Island is impeding safe travel into the area. Access restrictions are in place and will vary based on current conditions. The Department of Infrastructure is evaluating the integrity of the road system.

Warmer temperatures are melting accumulated snow in the Hay River area. Temperatures in Northern Alberta are warm with forecasts of 18 degrees Celsius for High Level moving in to the weekend. Warmer temperatures should assist with changes to ice integrity.

Town monitoring stations (www.hayriver.com/breakup) have been compromised equating to variability in availability and performance. Environment Canada does have some monitoring stations in place on the Hay River basin including within the NWT boundaries. Stations can be found through a search at https://wateroffice.ec.gc.ca/search/real_time_e.html. The Town will add a link to the sites on the Town website later today.

A Public Meeting was held last night to provide an update on current breakup conditions, services provided, and the pending steps for recovery activity. Minutes of the meeting will be made available on the Town's website later today.

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.

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.

The GNWT will be deploying resources this week to assist the Town with planning and communication of financial services for impacted residents. Recovery type activities will be conducted once breakup response is completed and it is safe to access properties.

United Way NWT is now 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.

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.



East Channel / Vale Island Overview – May 10th