



Public Notice

Hay River Flood Update

Thursday May 12 8:00pm

An evacuation order remains in place for the town of Hay River. Yellowknife and Fort Smith are serving as host communities for the town wide evacuation. Those travelling to Yellowknife should report to the Yellowknife Multiplex at 41 Kam Lake Road. Access to camping facilities is also being made available to evacuees at Louise Falls Campground, Escarpment Creek Campground, and at the Kakisa Campground.

A surge of the river this afternoon caused a recurrence of flooding in various locations within the community including the north end of Miron Drive, the downtown, and Cranberry Crescent. Multiple rescues were performed. Property damage is being reported throughout the town.

An ice jam is extending approximately 6km south from the forks of the East and West Channel. This is the last of the remaining ice in the system. Water and ice levels are have risen to new peaks today within the main portion of the town. Water levels at Paradise Gardens and receded and water is no longer flowing above properties. Remaining pushes are anticipated to cause more flooding through the community. As such emergency crews are continuing to focus on response activities and the evacuation order remains in place. Entry into the community is restricted to emergency and essential services.

The town will fully shift from response to recovery activities once the breakup risk has reduced and hazards tied to the flooding have been mitigated. A preliminary hazard assessment is being undertaken to fully inventory risks that will need to be corrected before an eventual return of evacuees to the community. Town infrastructure is significantly compromised affecting safe return in some areas of the community until addressed.

The Town will communicate with evacuees as soon as more information is known. Please look after each other and stay strong.

For more information contact the Registration Centre at 833-699-0188



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Riverview Drive – May 12, 2022



Water Treatment Plant Road – May 5, 2022