



Public Notice

Hay River Breakup Update

May 3rd, 2022 – 5pm (reissued)

Last update provided was May 2nd, 2022 at 5pm.

Temperatures remain warm in Northern Alberta and South Slave regions equating to high snow and river ice melt. Some rain is in the short-term regional forecast which should further accelerate melt. Temperatures will start to cool into the weekend.

Physical road-based surveillance of the Hay River into Northern Alberta was completed today by Town of Hay River staff. The Hay River has not broken yet near the community of Meander River.

Water levels on the Hay River between the NWT/Alberta border and the town have risen between 3-5 ft within the last 24 hours. Surface water has increased at Alexandra Falls, Paradise Valley, Pine Point Bridge, and the West Channel bridge locations.

Vale Island and West Channel residents should this week follow flood preparedness recommendations distributed by the Town of Hay River. Preparedness information can also be found at www.hayriver.com/breakup. Vale Island and West Channel residents that require more vehicle flood passes can acquire them through the Registration Centre after any evacuation order is issued.

The Town has received notice that the GNWT will be conducting a live test of the NWT Alert, public alert notification system on **Wednesday May 4th at 9:55am**. Residents may see and hear the public alert on wireless devices, radio stations and satellite television networks. This will not be directly associated with Hay River breakup conditions. The NWT Alert system is intended to be used as needed to support breakup Evacuation Alert (prepare to evacuate) and Evacuation Order (evacuate) notifications.

For daily updates on breakup delivered to your email, subscribe to the Town of Hay River's Emergency Measures Email system at www.hayriver.com/breakup.