



Public Notice

Hay River Breakup Update

Thursday May 5th, 2022 – 10am

Last update provided was May 4th, 2022 at 5pm.

River levels continue to rise at a high rate throughout the Hay River basin with increases within the community of Hay River more apparent now. There is still ice pack upstream at Meander River bridge. Small pockets of isolated breaking of ice and ice flows have occurred in some sections of the town. Some ice has separated from upstream and flowed over the Alexandra Falls throughout the last 24 hours. Surface water continues to increase with edges of the river flowing free of ice in some locations within town boundaries.

Temperatures remain warm in Northern Alberta and into Hay River which is accelerating ice melt. A fairly large precipitation system is expected to pass over the Hay River basin this weekend. Forecasts at this time are calling for 30-50mm of rain/snow with up to 80mm of precipitation locally. Rain will help ice melt conditions but will add more water to the already high water conditions.

Vale Island including West Channel residents should complete preparedness for protection of their property and assets, and ready themselves for potential evacuation. Preparedness information can also be found at www.hayriver.com/breakup.

The RV Park located at the Hay River Community Centre is open for RV setup. Please contact 833-699-0188 or visit the Community Centre to make arrangements for parking.

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. If you have questions about preparedness activities or registration and evacuation procedures, please contact the Town at 874-6522.