



Public Notice

Hay River Breakup Update

Thursday May 5th, 2022 – 5pm

Last update provided was May 5th, 2022 at 10am.

River levels continue to increase locally throughout the community boundaries of Hay River. Flow rates are also increasing steadily. Localized releases of ice are occurring at various locations through the West Channel and past the Alexandra Falls. Ice is weaking locally in general and is candling along the East Channel. The head of the main ice flow is now north of Meander River bridge and may reach the NWT/AB border by Friday and increase flood risks through the weekend.

Temperatures will cool significantly overnight and through the weekend slowing melt conditions. However, a fairly large precipitation system is expected to pass over the Hay River basin. 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 additional questions about preparedness activities or registration and evacuation procedures, please contact the Town at 874-6522.