



Public Notice

Hay River Breakup Update

Thursday May 6th, 2022 – 5pm

Last update provided was May 6th, 2022 at 10am.

A large section of local ice was released from the Golf Course area early this morning which pushed through West Channel to the Great Slave Lake using the centre island channel. The flow stopped at the lake and has remained backed up to approximately the Beaver Crescent area. The Hay River is still clear of ice between Beaver Crescent and the Golf Course area.

Some minor breakup of ice into large sheets has occurred on a section of the East Channel between the forks area and Strang's corner.

Ice is generally intact near the Golf Course to south of NWT/AB border with some sections of open water. Some ice has been released through the day travelling over the Alexandra Falls. More significant ice movement is expected over the weekend. Local water levels and discharge have dropped slightly through the day but are expected to rise tonight and through the weekend.

A significant storm system is passing through Northern Alberta and will enter the South Slave today with high precipitation levels and high winds. With temperatures dropping, it is expected that there will be snowfall through the weekend. Rainfall warnings are in effect for the High Level area with a forecast of up to 50mm of rain. This system will cause water levels to increase through and after the weekend.

The monitoring personnel were deployed the evening of May 5th. They will continue 24 hour monitoring activity through completion of breakup. Registration and evacuation centre staff are on standby in case an order is issued.

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.

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