



Public Notice

Hay River Breakup Update

Sunday May 8th, 2022 – 10am

Last update provided was May 7th, 2022 at 10:25pm.

An evacuation order remains in place for Vale Island / West Channel residents. Any residents still on the island are advised to evacuate as more flooding is eminent. All residents on or off the island are asked to register at our registration centre in person at the Community Centre, through the electronic form at www.hayriver.com/breakup, or by phone at 833-699-0188. Residents in other flood fringe locations within the community should closely monitor conditions.

Flooding occurred Saturday evening along sections of the East Channel of the Hay River. Sections of 100, 101, 102, and 103 streets sustained varying degrees of flooding. Water and ice had breached the banks along the Mackenzie Highway to the south of Porritt Landing Marina making it impassable for several hours. Water levels did subside slightly in the area which permitted for traffic off the island overnight.

Conditions remained stable along the West Channel with flow relief occurring on the East Channel.

Water and ice levels are currently extremely high along the banks of the Hay River throughout town. Increases in water levels associated with pending pushes and jamming will result in more flooding especially along the East Channel. Ice is broken and jammed through both West and East Channels and through past the Golf Course. Some broken ice is passing through Paradise Gardens. An aerial survey is planned for today if conditions permit to confirm remaining ice through border.

Water levels in Northern Alberta continue to increase with high levels of precipitation. Some highway infrastructure near High Level has been compromised and is restricting vehicular travel – traffic controls are in place. More precipitation in the form of snow and rain is expected in Northern Alberta through Monday. Similar conditions are expected around the community of Hay River.

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.

Water bulletins issued by the Department of ENR with detailed information on Hay River conditions can be found at <https://www.enr.gov.nt.ca/en/newsroom>.