



Public Notice

Hay River Breakup Update

Monday May 9th, 2022 – 12:00pm

Last update provided was May 8th, 2022 at 12pm.

An evacuation order remains in place for Vale Island / West Channel and Paradise Gardens residents. An evacuation alert is in place for all riverfront properties within the community boundaries which includes the Corridor, Miron Drive, McBryan Drive, Capital Drive, and Riverview Drive. Any residents within the area of the evacuation order should be staying at alternative locations and be registered with the Registration Center (833-699-0188). All residents within the areas of the evacuation alert should be prepared to evacuate if flood risks elevate at their property. Preparedness information can be found at www.hayriver.com/breakup.

Significant flooding occurred Sunday evening at Paradise Gardens through a large surge of ice and water into the area. Onsite emergency crews supported a full evacuation of the area. Emergency crews including the Coast Guard auxiliary and local contractors lead a difficult rescue within the community boundaries of Enterprise shortly after the Paradise evacuation.

Periodic flooding has been occurring along the East Channel resulting in several highway closures.

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 can result in flooding along riverfront properties. Ice is broken and jammed through both West and East Channels and through to Paradise Gardens. More ice and water is still to release and make contact with the main jam.

Highway closures to the Vale Island have been frequent with water and ice crossing the road. Staff at the bridge are managing access.

Weather conditions are causing significant challenges and risks for breakup conditions and emergency operations. Weather conditions were severe Sunday afternoon and overnight with high snowfall and winds. A snowfall warning remains in effect today for the Hay River region. Temperatures will primarily be below zero degrees for the next few days. Water levels in Northern Alberta continued to increase through Sunday with high levels of precipitation. This has compromised some transportation infrastructure. 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.

Food services for evacuees are being made available through the registration centre at the community centre. Various local support groups are forming on Facebook to provide additional services to impacted residents.

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