



Public Notice

Hay River Breakup Update

Monday May 9th, 2022 – 5:15pm

Last update provided was May 9th, 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.

The river within the community boundaries of Hay River remains extremely high. For the most part, levels are holding steady with minimal increases and fluctuations through the afternoon. There have been some instances of water flowing over the highway on Vale Island. After breaching the bank yesterday, water continues to flow over areas of Paradise Gardens. Highwater and some property flooding is being reported for Mile 5 and other sections of the Corridor. More water and ice are still anticipated to connect with the main jam in town in the coming days resulting in flooding. Water levels in Northern Alberta tributaries are beginning to level off but remain higher than breakup levels.

The weather in Northern Alberta and the South Slave Region is improving. Snow is forecasted to stop overnight and temperatures will begin to rise into the plus temperatures.

Support services through evacuees are officially being offered through the Registration Centre at the Hay River Community Centre and Soaring Eagle Friendship Centre. Snacks and refreshments are available throughout the operating day at the Registration Centre while hot food meals are available at the Friendship Centre. Income assistance support programs from the GNWT are available for qualified recipients. More information is available on www.hayriver.com/breakup or by calling 833-926-2110.

A public meeting will be held Tuesday, May 10th at 7:30pm at the Aurora Ford Arena at the Hay River Community Centre. An update will be provided on monitoring and response activities with a question period to follow.

Town of Hay River Breakup Updates are scheduled for standard release at 10am and 5pm daily. Special updates may be released outside of these hours. Updates are available through www.hayriver.com/breakup, Emergency Measures Information / Registration Line at 833-699-0188, Hay River Facebook page, and through the Emergency Measures Email subscription service.

For questions on electrical power services status please contact Northland Utilities at 867-874-6879. For questions pertaining to air travel scheduling please contact the airlines directly.