



**TOWN OF HAY RIVER
FLOOD RECOVERY AND PREPAREDNESS PUBLIC MEETING
March 14th, 2023 @ 7:00pm**

1. Opening Remarks
 - Mayor Kandis Jameson
 - Minister Shane Thompson
2. Town of Hay River and MACA Presentation
3. Questions from the Public
 - I. John Sperry – Vale Island
 - We have berms in West Channel and Downtown – What about one in Vale Island from Strangs to Railroad?
 - SAO Smith – West Channel berm is part of the 2023 projects to be repaired. The downtown berm is not an asset of the Town, it was completed by a private company. Mitigation of Vale Island can include building higher or relocation.
 - II. Terry Allen – Lakeshore Drive
 - Lakeshore was one of the last areas to flood. Where did it breach?
 - DPS Travis Wright – the release of a barge may have caused the flooding.
 - TA – in 2008 the same thing happened, can the relocation of barges to possibly Wrigley Harbour and removing all the old ones be part of the mitigation plan?
 - TW – Will mention to MTS
 - III. Marc Benoit – Paradise Gardens
 - What is the evacuation strategy for farm animals and livestock?
 - With over 7feet of water on the property when it flooded, what are my options to relocate?
 - SAO Smith – Last years event was no anticipated. We do need to develop options regarding livestock from that area.
 - SAO Smith – as for relocation, we are having issues securing land prior to the flood, many processes, consultations with Indigenous groups and the GNWT. We will be updating the agriculture plan this year.
 - IV. Pat Mckay – Cranberry Crescent
 - With evacuation plans and no planning or communications prior to event, is there any information to help us prior to the event like water levels?
 - DPS Travis Wright – We have flow rates that help with what’s coming, but jams happen and changes the flow rate immediately. They are posted on the THR website and the Canada Waterways website.



V. Sharon Pekok - Paradise Garden

- How can you mitigate 10 acres of berry fields? We have a campground and a cement pad with a log building on it. How do you mitigate things that cannot be moved?
- Emily King – MACA - No easy answer for Paradise Gardens. The GNWT will talk to the Town for further follow ups for individuals and future mitigation going forward.

VI. Pat McKay – Cranberry Crescent

- When rebuilding you receive 50% up front, we are still waiting on the second half. So using out of pockets funds causes a lot of overhead. Is there an easier path to take?
- Joe Acorn – MACA – Funding can be paid directly to the contractor. It's paid out 50% damage assessment. Will need to come up with a process regarding the rest of pay out.

VII. Jane Groenewegen – Business Owner

- The berm behind the B&R building doesn't seem to be tied in to anything. Was it engineered? I am worried about the water pooling in the walk out basement of my property on McBryan Drive.
- The Federal government sent funds the Territorial government for damages. But there is a cap on it for businesses. I have 3 properties that were ruined by the flood, Did MACA set the limit for the funds? Just because you have a business does not mean we have the money in our back pockets to fix them.
- Minister Shane Thompson – The disaster assistance policy has not been updated till 2021, it needs to be enhanced. Cabinet agreed and improved it and now looking at it again. It will be a living document and will have more changes for cabinet to review again.
- Emily King – MACA – GNWT will be reimbursed from the Federal government after all the claims are completed up to 90% of cost.

Closing remarks from Minister Thompson and Mayor Jameson thank everyone for attending