

For Immediate Release

Minden, ON. Tuesday, May 16, 2017

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SUBJECT: Water Conditions Update

Water Conditions:

Gull River Watershed

The Gull River Watershed continues to be very vulnerable to the inflow of water.

Water levels have decreased a further 5 cm since yesterday. While the Gull River has crested and levels continue to decrease, the Gull River Watershed will experience an extended period of high water levels similar to 2013, and continues to remain in a flood warning.

The reservoir lakes and the Gull River will continue to remain at high levels for the next week or two, as water moves from the upper areas of the watershed system. On certain lakes and rivers, water levels may fluctuate depending on local precipitation amounts in the coming days.

Information on water levels in the Trent Severn Waterway, including water level graphics (located at the bottom of the webpage) are provided by Parks Canada on the following link:

<https://www.pc.gc.ca/en/lhn-nhs/on/trentsevern/info/gestion-eau-water-management/page-niveaux-eau-water-levels>

It is highly recommended that property owners, especially those who have a historical susceptibility to flooding, continue to monitor their situation for sandbagging requirements and self-evacuation of family and pets.

In the event of an emergency and you are unable to evacuate yourself from your residence, call 911. Please indicate that the call is not for a medical emergency but for evacuation from your residence. If you have evacuated, you are encouraged to register at the Red Cross Reception Centre, located at the S.G Nesbitt Community Centre, 55 Parkside Street, Minden.

Burnt River Watershed

The Burnt River continues to recede. Caution is still encouraged. The public and residents are to avoid areas with fast flowing and high water levels.

All Property owners are being asked to monitor their situation, as each will vary based on some, or all of the following factors: distance from watershed(s), distance from an unaffected accessible road, height of land, property saturation levels, the availability, number, size and type of sump pump, etc.

General:

For public safety reasons it is critical that no one other than TSW officials are to perform log adjustments to local dams. This could result in serious implications to the management of the flow of water and balancing of the watershed levels.

Owners of waterfront properties are asked to secure any loose items such as outdoor furniture, boats, docks, etc.

Residents are asked to share this information with their neighbours and other individuals who may not have access to the Township's website.

For information regarding **Road Closures, Red Cross Registration, Flood Safety, Disaster Recovery Assistance for Ontario and Available Services**, visit the Township website for updated information as it changes or becomes available.

For information on water levels, please visit the Trent Severn Waterway at http://avalanche.pc.gc.ca/lhn-nhs/on/trentsevern/visit/ne-wl/trent_e.asp

Suggestions to Assist you During a Flood Warning:

- Be Prepared - Build an Emergency Survival Kit that allows you to be self-sufficient for at least 72 Hours.
- Keep Emergency Contacts Near Your Phone
- Check Your Sump Pumps - Ensure the sump pit is clear of debris and that all electrical connections are plugged in correctly and circuit breakers are operational. Check your maintenance manual for instructions on how to check the float, test the check valve and clean the impeller.
- Hydro – If you are concerned about water in or around your residence, or other buildings, call the Hydro Call Centre at 1-888-664-9376. Disconnected services may impact water removal equipment (i.e. sump pumps); therefore, it may also be necessary to contact your insurance company.
- Remember to keep all items up and off the floor where potential flooding could occur.

Township Communication

For more information regarding notices, including road closures, water levels and suggestions to assist you during the Flood Warning, please visit the Township website at www.mindenhills.ca. Information on road closures can also be obtained by visiting the Road Closure App, accessible from the township website or by typing the following url into your web browser's search bar: roadclosures.haliburtoncounty.ca

To receive important information and updates, including in the event of an emergency, please ensure that you are subscribed to the Minden Hills website, by following these easy instructions:

- On the bottom right hand side of the Minden Hills website, type in your email address into the "Subscribe to Alerts" box and click the gray arrow.
- Confirm your email address on the next prompt screen.
- Enter in the digits in the captcha box and click the submit button.
- You should receive an email to complete the subscription process, if you don't, check your junk mail.
- Your confirmation email will provide you with a link, select the link.
- The link will allow you to customize your subscription list.
- Select "Emergency Alerts" to receive emergency posts and notifications.

- Select “Newsroom” to receive all other non-emergency posts, including water levels and road closures notifications.
- Select other categories if interested in receiving notifications.
- Select save.

The Township will communicate all information by means of broadcasting media releases to local media, radio stations and the Township website.

Tune into Canoe FM 100.9 and Moose FM 93.5 for these broadcasts.
For Municipal Emergency contact after hours call: 1-866-856-3247
For Emergency Services call: 911

For more information please visit www.mindenhills.ca for accurate updates.

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