

**For Immediate Release**

Minden, ON. Sunday May 7, 2017

1:30 pm

Release #17-24



**SUBJECT: Flood Warning Emergency Status Update**

**Water Conditions**

Gull River Watershed

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

Water levels will continue to rise and remain high due to continued precipitation and high water levels in the upper lakes and local creeks.

You may see a temporary decrease in levels as water levels and logging operations at area dams continue to be monitored, however, levels will rise and remain high for an extended period. The anticipated increase in water levels may potentially reach the levels that were experienced in 2013, depending on continued precipitation and these operations.

Property owners, especially those who have a historical susceptibility to flooding at these levels, are strongly encouraged to make appropriate preparations, including sandbagging and potential self-evacuation for family and pets, where necessary.

Burnt River Watershed

Water flows will continue to increase due to forecasted weather conditions. Extreme caution is urged. 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

Owners of waterfront properties are asked to secure any loose items.

The Township will continue to work with Trent Severn Waterway and the Ministry of Natural Resources & Forestry and to communicate all information by means of media broadcasting and media releases to radio stations, local newspapers and our website.

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

**SANDBAGS:**

Sandbag operations will continue through Sunday, May 7, 2017 from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm at the S.G Nesbitt Community Centre location only.

Residents are advised that sand and sandbags continue to be available at the following locations:

- S.G. Nesbitt Community Centre, located at 55 Parkside Street, Minden.
- Roads Department Yard #3, located at 4564 County Road 121 (Kinmount location), in the Sand Dome to the left of the entrance.
- Furnace Falls Park entrance, located on County Road 503.

Limited quantities of prepared sandbags will be available at the Minden location only. We kindly ask that you consider others and their ability to prepare their own sandbags when accessing this service.

This resource is primarily self-serve, please remember a shovel. Residents are encouraged to think of their neighbours - don't forget about those around you that may have difficulty with this task.

Please see the following link regarding the proper procedures for the filling and placement of sandbags:

<https://mindenhills.ca/assets/Sand-bagging-and-dike-construction.pdf>

Many of the local ditches are holding water, and residents are reminded to stay clear of these areas.

The Minden Riverwalk and Boardwalk are under water and are **CLOSED**.

Signs and Barricades have been posted at roads closed due to flooding. Unless you are a resident of these roads, **DO NOT** drive on these roads. Roadways under water may create unstable and dangerous conditions. It is illegal to remove barricades and signs.

A reminder that private roads are not being monitored by the Township and those residents needing to access these roads should do so with caution.

### **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.

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](http://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](http://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: 1-866-865-3247

For Emergency Services call: 911

For more information please visit [www.mindenhills.ca](http://www.mindenhills.ca) for accurate updates.

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