

GOC Key Points – Flooding

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- Current national flood risks remain moderate overall. All current flooding events are within provincial/territorial capabilities there are no RFAs at this time. **Federal support has been discussed for Kashechewan and Ft Albany along the James Bay Coast of ON and Peguis MB; these local emergencies are being monitored closely.**
- The Ontario PEOC continues to coordinate the precautionary evacuation of community members from Kashechewan FN to Kapuskasing, Timmins and **Cochrane. Thunder Bay is being opened as a Host Community.**
- ISC and the CRC is continuing the evacuation of Peguis FN into Winnipeg. Additional supports for Peguis FN are being discussed to facilitate their evacuation, provincial capacity has not been exceeded and there is no imminent RFA expected at this time.
- For Manitoba, the overland flood warning continues and is extended to include all of eastern Manitoba in addition to the Interlake and portions of southern and central Manitoba. Sandbags, sand & tiger dams are available to municipalities that required them. **The Red River is forecast to peak again in the second week of May.**

PROVINCES/TERRITORIES – Current Flood Risk Levels and Status

Ontario

- Flood watch for the Albany and Moose Rivers. Flood risk remains high for Kashechewan and Ft Albany and moderate to high for Moosonee and Moosefactory. Watershed conditions statement (flood outlook) for the Attawapiskat, Winisk and Severn Rivers. Flood risk is high for Attawapiskat and Ft Severn and moderate to high for Peawanuck. Ice break-up expected between 07 and 14 May.
- Flood warning Ft Francis and Sault Ste. Marie and Kenora districts. Flooding of low lying areas is occurring. In general flows are peaking or have peaked in these regions.
- CI disruptions to roads and wastewater treatment in La Vallee, St Francis, Comnee and Emo have resulted in emergency declarations. Disruptions are being managed with local resources.
- Kashechewan First Nation: As of 25 Apr, the PEOC is coordinating the precautionary evacuation of primary evacuees from Kashechewan FN to Kapuskasing due to flood risk:
 - The Chief is planning for the possibility of a full scale evacuation.
 - Between 25 Apr- 02 May, 404 community members were evacuated to Kapuskasing. **200** community members are currently in Timmins with approx. **167 more members are being evacuated to Cochrane on 05 May.**
 - **Thunder Bay is being activated as a Host Community.**
- Ft Albany First Nation: As of 04 May, the Community has planned preliminary evacuations and has asked the province for assistance. Ice breakup has begun and MNRF is conducting risk assessments today, 04 May.
- As of 04 May, PS RO assessment is that ON has the resources to deal with the present conditions along James Bay however this may change if the requirement to evacuate changes in rapidity, completeness and especially if two or more communities require simultaneous evacuation. Capability gaps may occur in evacuation transport (air), the ability to coordinate community evacuation (Rangers) and Host Community capacity.

Manitoba

- **The overland flood warning continues and includes all of eastern Manitoba in addition to the Interlake and portions of southern and central Manitoba.** Water levels on streams and smaller tributaries is dropping however water levels in the main rivers such as the Red and Assiniboine continue to rise and will not peak until the second week of May. The Red River's peak is forecast to reach the 2009 level. As a result of increased outflows from the Shellmouth dam, flooding of low lands along the Assiniboine River is likely to occur.
- There are flood warnings for **15** rivers and Lakes in MB and **24** States of Local Emergency (SOLE). **MB is reporting 131 registered evacuees from 62 households** (these are Non-FN, FN evacuations listed below).
- Impacts include, flooded properties, drinking water concerns, waste water disruption, multiple road closures and the closure of a CP and a CN rail line.
- Provincial crews deployed to a number of communities in the Red River Valley are preparing for and implementing ring dike closures and conducting pumping operations.
- Peguis FN (MB):
 - 01 May, Peguis First Nation (located in the Interlake Region, approx. 200 km north of Winnipeg) has called for a complete evacuation of their Nation due to flooding. The evacuation is ongoing; **1,200** of 3,900 persons have been evacuated. The community is evacuating areas where access has been cut off or severely restricted.
 - Evacuees are supported in hotels in Winnipeg, Gimli, and **Brandon**.
 - **ISC-EM support for Peguis FN includes 100 Ambassadors (75 FNCRC Ambassadors, 25 AMC Ambassadors) for sandbagging, grocery delivery and the loan and delivery of 25 pumps. Funding has been committed to support the rental of additional pumps, trucks and trailers, light power generators, and shelter in place supports (food, water and delivery).**
 - **CRC is providing registration, information, emergency lodging, emergency food, laundry emergency personal services and mental health support.**
 - **There is no imminent RFA expected. Provincial capacity has not been exceeded and the use of CAF resources would only occur as a last resort.**
- Fisher River Cree Nation (MB):
 - 29 Apr: SoLE declared. As of 03 May, Fisher River Cree Nation has evacuated medical priority residents to Gimli and Winnipeg. 3 households evacuated. MB has deployed 134 Tiger Dams in support.
- Long Plain First Nation (MB):
 - 30 Apr: Flooding impacting homes on Nation. Community members evacuate to hotel at Keeshkeemaquah Reserve (Portage la Prairie).
 - Evacuees: 65. **Evacuee return has begun.**
- Kinonjeoshtegon First Nation (MB):
 - 02 May: 35 members remain evacuated. Nation advised no further evacuation planned at this time.
 - Evacuees: 35
- Roseau River Anishinaabe First Nation (MB):
 - **SoLE declared 03 May 2022.**

- **Evacuation is not completed at this time, and will continue until road access is not possible.**
- **Dikes are being developed and Pumping operations are underway but evacuation not required at this time.**

Quebec

- **PS RO assessment is that barring severe weather flooding generally reached its peak. Flooding of low lying and flood prone areas continues.**

Saskatchewan

- There remains an elevated risk of a dynamic ice breakup event occurring on the North Saskatchewan River.

Alberta

- River Ice advisory for Peace River and Athabasca River from Ft McKay to the Delta remain in place. Thermal retreat of ice-front is 30 km/day.

British Columbia

- Snowpack melt is delayed & continued accumulation of snow at higher elevations. No short-term (this week) flood concerns.

Yukon and Northwest Territories

- No significant flood incidents being reported at this time.

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