





**Timmins Flood Advisory Committee** 

# **NEWS RELEASE**

## FLOOD WARNING

### WATER LEVELS ON THE MATTAGAMI RIVER CONTINUE TO RISE IN RESPONSE TO PRECIPITATION AND SNOWMELT

### Date of Issue—Sunday, May 3, 2020

(Timmins, ON)—The Timmins Flood Advisory Committee has upgraded the current Flood Watch to a Flood Warning for the Mattagami River. A Flood Warning message serves as notification to the public that flooding is about to occur.

The water levels on the Mattagami River are continuing to rise in response to the warm weather, precipitation and associated snow melt. The exact extent of the flooding is difficult to predict at this time and will depend on the weather. Everyone living near the Mattagami River is encouraged to monitor the conditions that are developing.

Unsecured material and equipment should be removed from shorelines of area lakes and rivers as water elevations continue to rise. Residents should also be prepared with a household emergency plan should a flood emergency be declared. Parents are asked to let their children know about the dangers of playing in and around lakes, rivers and streams.

The Flood Committee continues to meet on a regular basis to review watershed conditions and forecasts. Further updates will be issued in the coming days as conditions change. Residents can visit the MRCA website at <u>www.mattagamiregion.ca</u> for the latest information on watershed conditions and public advisories or to sign up for flood notifications via email.

#### This message will be in effect until (or updated before) May 8, 2020.

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