

NEWS RELEASE

FLOOD WATCH

WATER LEVELS ON THE MATTAGAMI RIVER CONTINUE TO RISE

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(Timmins, ON)—The Timmins Flood Advisory Committee has issued a Flood Watch for the Mattagami River. The most recent streamflow information for the Mattagami River watershed shows that many area rivers and streams are rising in response to the recent precipitation and continued snowmelt. There is still snow remaining in outlying areas, so the upward trend is expected to continue.

A Flood Watch message serves as notification to the public that the potential for flooding exists. On the Mattagami River system, water levels are continuing to rise and could reach the critical first stage flood level over the coming days. At this point in time, residents may experience some flooding of low lying areas.

City residents living near lakes and rivers are reminded to remove unsecured material and equipment from shoreline areas as water elevations continue to rise. They 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 existing Watershed Conditions Statement remains in effect throughout the Timmins area for Porcupine Lake, Town Creek, Kamiskotia Lake, Porcupine River and Crawford Creek.

The Flood Committee will continue to meet on a regular basis to review watershed conditions and forecasts. Further updates will be issued as conditions change. Residents can visit the MRCA website at www.mattagamiregion.ca for the latest information on watershed conditions and public advisories.

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