

NEWS RELEASE

FLOOD WATCH

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

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

A Flood Watch message serves as notification to the general public that the potential for flooding exists. On the Mattagami River system, water elevations are continuing to rise and could reach the critical first stage flood level over the coming days. Residents at this point in time 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 again asked to let their children know about the dangers of playing in and around lakes, rivers and streams.

Conditions can change quickly. The Committee will continue to meet on a continuous basis and provide regular updates. Residents can visit the MRCA website at <https://mattagamiregion.ca/> 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 3, 2022.

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For more information, please contact the MRCA at 705-360-2660.