



TOWNSHIP OF HORTON RELEASE

DATE: MAY 1ST, 2023

On Friday April 28th, the Ministry of natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) extended the Flood Warning for the Ottawa River until Friday May 5th, 2023. The Ottawa River Regulating Committee warns that levels and flows along the Ottawa River continue to rise rapidly due to the amount of rainfall that has occurred over the weekend and also forecasted to continue this week.

Flood levels will be exceeded in flood prone areas along the Ottawa River however it is still forecasted that the maximum levels to be reached this week are expected to still be below the 2017 levels. The Township is monitoring the situation closely and will provide additional information as it becomes available. All residents should stay diligent in ensuring that they are adequately prepared for increases slightly above last week's peak. We may see an increase of 10cm above last week's peak level.

If you have not already done so, take steps to protect your properties and check in on neighbours. Appropriate precautions to protect your property include ensuring sump pumps are functioning, securing items that may float away and ensure all down spouts are attached properly and cleared of any potential obstructions. For safety, all residents should keep a close watch on weather conditions, check for updated messages and exercise caution near fast-moving rivers and streams.

Sand and sandbags will be available upon request. Please contact the Township Office 613-432-6271 for more information.

Please visit our website for tips on flood preparation and recovery:

<https://www.hortontownship.ca/emergency-management/flood/2023-flood-watch/>

Other websites you can visit for more information:

Ottawa River Levels
www.ottawariver.ca

Emergency Management Ontario
<https://www.ontario.ca/page/floods#section-2>

Ontario Power Generation
<https://www.opg.com/powering-ontario/our-generation/hydro/river-system-data/>