



For Immediate Release

RE: Termination of Emergency and Flooding Update

Whitewater Region, Ontario - May 12, 2023

Effective 4:00 p.m. today, May 12, 2023, Mayor Neil Nicholson had declared the emergency for the Township of Whitewater Region as terminated.

As water levels slowly recede, the Township's Municipal Emergency Control Group (MECG) met yesterday, and we are now focusing on recovery. The MECG will continue to meet with the freshet team until water levels return to normal.

Wellness Checks and Evacuation

The Township has or will be conducting a final wellness check by telephone, email, or in-person to the affected and registered residents. This call will also serve to collect information relating to the extent of damage to private property.

At any time, residents seeking to voluntarily evacuate shall contact the Township (see contact information below).

Recovery

Sandbags: In accordance with the Flood Readiness Plan, the Township will be conducting pick-up of utilized sandbags. When it is safe to do so, residents are encouraged to place their used sandbags at the nearest municipal road (*intersection between private and municipal road, location of local sand depot or end of driveway at municipal road).

Debris Management: The Township will be issuing Special Tipping Vouchers to residents to use at the landfill to waive tipping fees on loads being hauled to the landfill. Debris will include the clean-up of materials from flood damaged buildings and structures, as well as outside debris that has floated in because of flooding including trees, wood and other products.

To obtain a Special Tipping Voucher, residents **must** register at the following link: <https://form.foreaction.cloud/submit/whitewater-region> indicating under "Category" → "Emergency Management" → "Flooding Special Tipping Vouchers".

***Tipping fees will apply if a resident has not registered and obtained a Special Tipping Vouchers.**

Provincial Funding: The Township met with representatives of the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) in a request to support the activation of the Provincial Disaster Relief Assistance for Ontarians (DRAO) on Tuesday, May 9, 2023. We continue to correspond with our local MPP John Yakabuski and the MMAH Team.

In our efforts to **collect information** to activate the Province's DRAO, affected residents should register and provide their impacts at the following link: "Category" → "Emergency Management" → "Flooding Damage".

<https://form.foreaction.cloud/submit/whitewater-region>

Clean-Up Kits: The Township is working with the Canadian Red Cross to obtain Flood Clean-Up Kits. Additional information will be provided shortly.

Single Point of Contact

For any assistance, please contact 613-646-2282 Ext. 154 on Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. and after-hours emergency at 613-646-2282 (Option 9).

Anyone in need of immediate and urgent assistance or requiring evacuation outside of the hours noted above, should call 911.

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