



## 2019 Freshet Update – No. 2

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In an effort to keep residents current with information and resources regarding the 2019 Freshet, the following updates and reminders are provided:

### MINISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND FORESTRY (MNRF)

1. The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry – North Bay District is advising area residents that an **Updated Flood Warning** is in effect in the District until Monday, May 13, 2019. The Ministry is closely monitoring the weather and developing watershed conditions. Further updates will be issued as appropriate.

In the northern reaches of the district which includes the Matabitchuan River and Montreal River watersheds, increased flows and water levels have been reported. Continued melting of the snow pack coupled with forecasted precipitation and water/reservoir management will contribute to increased runoff and the potential for localized flooding.

2. The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry – North Bay District is advising residents in the Ottawa River area, from the City of Temiskaming Shores south to Papineau-Cameron Township (Harris, Dymond, New Liskeard, Temiskaming Shores, North Cobalt, Cobalt, Lorrain, South Lorrain, Hebert, Burnaby, Parkman, Wyse, Town of Thorne, Eldee, Poitras, Eddy, Antoine, Mattawan, Town of Mattawa, Papineau-Cameron) that a **special Flood Warning** for the area is in effect until Monday, May 13, 2019. The Ministry is closely monitoring the weather and developing watershed conditions. Further updates will be issued as appropriate.

To view the complete MNRF bulletins and for more information, please select the link below, and refer to messages related to the North Bay MNRF District - <https://www.ontario.ca/law-and-safety/flood-forecasting-and-warning-program>

Residents, especially those in low-lying areas and along shorelines, are encouraged to monitor these conditions and prepare accordingly. Shorelines and banks adjacent to rivers and creeks are very slippery and unstable at this time and, when combined with cold open water, pose a serious hazard.

Please alert any children under your care to these dangers and supervise their activities. Keep children and pets away from creeks and river banks.

### Helpful Links and External Resources:

[Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry – Flood Forecasting and Warning Program](#)

[Emergency Management Ontario](#)

[Safety and Emergency Preparedness Canada](#)

[Is your family prepared? GetPrepared.ca](#)



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