



2019 Freshet Update – No. 3

Township Advisory
For Immediate Release
May 9, 2019

Township of Coleman, ON - Water levels and flows remain high in the area, and the Township continues to recommend residents take precautionary measures. 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):

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry – North Bay District is advising residents in the Montreal River Watershed area that a **special Flood Warning** for the area is in effect until Wednesday, May 15, 2019. The Ministry is closely monitoring the weather and developing watershed conditions. Further updates will be issued as appropriate.

- Lake Temiskaming water levels are currently sitting at 179.70 m and are forecast to rise another 0.5 m reaching 180.20 m over the next five days.
- In the Latchford area, Bay Lake water levels are currently sitting at 277.07 m and are forecast to continue rising to exceed the maximum lake level of 277.15 m.
- The Montreal River Watershed area has received substantial precipitation over the past several weeks. The combination of repeated rainfall and snowmelt has resulted in water levels and stream flows across the district rising significantly, reaching or exceeding flood levels in many areas.

Water levels are expected to increase over the next five days. In some locations the ground is saturated or remains partially frozen and as a result has little ability to absorb further precipitation. In addition, some locations continue to experience snow melt which will continue to increase water levels and flow.

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

REMINDERS:

Residents, especially those in low-lying areas and along shorelines, are encouraged to monitor these conditions, prepare accordingly, and to take precautionary measures to protect persons and property as water levels continue rise. 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.

Please share all details of information regarding the flood Warnings with those who do not have access to internet or radio.



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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](#)

Township of Coleman:

[Emergency Preparedness](#)
[Public Notices](#)
[Coleman Fire Department](#) (Facebook)

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For further information, contact:

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