



TOWNSHIP OF HORTON

INFORMATION RELEASE

APRIL 29TH, 2019

The Township of Horton's Emergency Control Group convened this morning at 8 a.m. to review the current flooding situation. **Staff, Council and numerous volunteers are diligently working together and coordinating sand and bag deliveries and pre-filled sand bags to all properties making the requests through the main office. We are all doing the best that we can, with the resources we have, to help all affected properties.**

Rising water levels pose an ongoing threat to the property, health and safety of residents. Flood levels are currently in excess of the 2017 levels and continue to rise. The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry and Canadian Armed Forces are working very hard in the Township helping residents with sandbagging operations.

River Road is extremely active with large trucks, trailers and residents having sand delivered. If you don't have to travel in this area, please don't and use an alternate route. Please also refrain from driving slowly and looking into properties to see the flooding waters. This poses an enormous risk to the health and safety of residents. OPP will be patrolling this area to ensure the health and safety of Horton's residents is protected.

Horton property owners requiring sand and sand bags, please contact the office directly at 613-432-6271 to place an order of sand and bags for delivery. It is up to the property owners to bag sand on-site. There is also a supply of sand and bags at the Horton Sand Dome located at 2253 Johnston Road where you can come bag your own sand. Property Owners are responsible for own placement and removal of bags and should not overload vehicles.

For residents that have made the decision to leave their home and have nowhere to stay, please contact the Office. Additionally, if pets are displaced also, please contact the Office.

Hydro One and the Electrical Safety Authority are doing site assessments of all properties along the Ottawa River. If you require immediate assistance with a disconnection, please contact Hydro One's Emergency line: 1-800-434-1235.

Water wells can be contaminated by flooding. Please contact the Renfrew County and District Health Unit if you have any questions or require additional information: 613-432-5853

Regular Township services may be affected as municipal resources are deployed to deal with the flooding emergency.

Information and Resources:

<http://www.hortontownship.ca/emergency-management/flood-information-2019/>

Ottawa River Levels

www.ottawariver.ca

Emergency Management Ontario

<https://www.emergencymanagementontario.ca/english/beprepared/beprepared.html>

Government of Canada Flood Ready

<https://www.canada.ca/en/campaign/flood-ready.html>

Renfrew County Health Unit Flood Information- Wells and Septics

<https://www.rcdhu.com/healthy-living/emergency-preparedness/>

For further information, contact:

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CEMC Steve Osipenko – 613-585-0041

Mayor Dave Bennett – 613-570-1236

CAO/Clerk Hope Dillabough – 613-433-6275