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FROM/DE: Town of Fort Frances Emergency Control Group

Update on Emergency Situation in Fort Frances.

The Town of Fort Frances would like to advise everyone that the Sewage Treatment Plant has come out of a Bypass Mode. With this stated we are still advising all residents in Fort Frances and Couchiching First Nation to continue with their management of water consumption and also continuing to keep all sump pumps and weeping tile disconnected from the sanitary sewer system.

Water levels in Rainy Lake and the Rainy River are expected to rise another 15.75 inches still and the weather forecast is showing the potential for thunder storms and heavy rains to fall in our area. The Town of Fort Frances will continue to monitor water levels through visual inspections and is continuing to take precautions to strategically position sandbags in the most vulnerable areas. Sandbagging will continue at La Place Rendezvous tomorrow as the rising lake levels are threatening structures on the property. The public is asked to use extreme caution when travelling within the Point Park. There has been some significant erosion of land and water has washed over some of the roadways within the park.

A reminder again to anyone boating on the Rainy Lake, please continue to take precautions to avoid any debris that may be floating in the water. The demolition of the Government Dock is nearly completed. A couple of sections still remain but appear to not be of an immediate threat at this time. The rest of the dock will be demolished as soon as the winds settle and proper equipment is available to complete the work. The Town of Fort Frances will ensure that Markers/Buoys will be in place as soon as possible to assist boaters with where hazards may exist.

Operations & Facilities Crews are working feverishly to repair the numerous sink holes, water & sewer breaks that are all over Town. We are continuing to ask the public to stay away from these areas.

Please continue to follow 93.1 The Border for more updates on this emergency. Also, residents can continue to call the Emergency Information Line at 274-1818 with any questions or concerns in regards to this emergency.

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