

NEWS RELEASE

McNab/Braeside Township Update re: Flooding Conditions

As Township of McNab/Braeside flood relief efforts experienced some setbacks yesterday with sandbag walls being breached in several locations due to high winds and rising water levels, flood mitigation efforts continue in full force today.

The Township continues to seek volunteers to assist with flood support as sandbagging operations continue. Yesterday, 20,000 sandbags were filled and 10,000 were distributed to various sites in the Township. Today, we have an additional 10,000 bags arriving which need to be filled.

The MNR continue to have support crews assisting our relief efforts and the Military will be arriving today in the Rhoddy's Bay area to assist in the most heavily affected area. Residents are reminded that the Rhoddy's Bay area will be closed to the public.

Our current status is that we are holding steady and with assistance, we will continue sandbagging operations in our attempts to get ahead of rising water levels. Volunteers are asked to register at the John A Gillies (JAG) Recreation Centre at 138 Sarah Street in Braeside between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. today. Alternatively, volunteers may register by emailing their name, phone number and address to cemc@mcnabbraeside.com.

Due to our availability of emergency service personnel, the Township has also issued a burn ban until further notice. Existing burn permits will be temporarily cancelled as all our resources are currently focused on flooding issues.

Hydro One personnel is standing by to assist with any power related issues at this time and is working closely with the McNab/Braeside Firefighters.

The Firefighters continue to perform wellness checks on those affected by this disaster.

Volunteer efforts are always most welcome and we sincerely thank all those for the help and donations we received so far. Our volunteers are deployed to the Red Pine Bay and Lake Street areas to assist with sandbagging and we remind them to prepare and dress accordingly as weather conditions are subject to change. There are some meals and snacks being made available to volunteers at the JAG, but those with special dietary requirements or food allergies, it is recommended that they bring their own food or snacks. Residents who do not need to be in the area and are not volunteering are kindly asked to avoid affected areas as our flood mitigation efforts continue.

For more information, please contact Geoff Patterson, McNab/Braeside EIO at 613-316-2549.