

NEWS RELEASE

McNab/Braeside Township
Update re: Flooding Conditions

To: All Area Media
From: Geoff Patterson, EIO Media Relations
Re: Status update
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The Township of McNab/Braeside declared a state of emergency yesterday due to severe flooding and has been supporting affected residences with sandbag operations. The most heavily affected areas include Rhoddy's Bay, Sand Point and Stewarts Bay where staff, firefighters and volunteers have been combating flood-related issues for several days. The McNab/Braeside Fire Department are conducting Wellness checks in the affected zones and are distributing water courtesy of Canadian Tire Renfrew.

Road closures or partial road closures are currently in place at Aikenhead Lane, Archibald Rd., Appleby Rd., Wharf Rd., Nieman Drive and Bartle Lane and road access has been restricted at other affected areas. Sandbagging operations continue and those volunteering their assistance are asked to report to the Braeside JAG Rec Centre, 138 Sarah St., Braeside, where food and drink is available for volunteers as well.

We do appreciate all those making offers to help but excessive congestion at flooding hot spots make it impossible for emergency crews to access some areas. **So, if you are willing to help with sandbagging, you are**

asked to stay away from directly affected areas and report to Red Pine Bay in Braeside and/or Lake St./Wharf Road in Sand Point only.

To date, the Township has distributed 45,000 sandbags. Township staff will be providing timely updates on both the McNab/Braeside Township website and facebook page. MNR crews are currently assisting with sandbagging operations and military deployment to this area is currently being considered. Township staff continues to re-stock sand and sand bags at sand distribution centres which include the Sand Point, Braeside Garage, Municipal office and Red Pine Bay locations.

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