



Moose Factory Island Fire & Rescue

River Surveillance Update #1 – May 2, 2014

Good afternoon residents of Moose Factory/Moosonee,

We are back from the first flight of the season. The reason for the flight this morning was to check the Missinaibe River. The Surface Water Monitoring Station located on this river has indicated to me that break-up is progressing. Currently break-up is only on Missinaibe River and is 5 miles from the mouth of the Missinaibe/Mattagami River and had stopped at that location while we flew over. The ice accumulation behind it extends longer than 10 miles. The water levels on this river remain moderate to high behind the leading edge of this break-up.

All other rivers that drain in to the Moose River (Kwatabohegan, Cheepash, North French, Abitibi remain low and intact.

The Moose River itself remains low and intact for this time of year. However, all Surface Water Monitoring Stations indicate a steady increase in water levels and flow rates.

For your own safety Moose Factory Island Fire Rescue and the Town of Moosonee would like people to stay off the river due to rapid deterioration.

Another flight will take place this evening to check on the Abitibi River and Mattagami River since they are major tributaries to the Moose River.

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