



Moose Factory Island Fire & Rescue

River Surveillance Update #14 - May 8, 2014

Time: 9:30am – 10:45am

Good morning Moose Factory/Moosonee,

Another flight was conducted this morning at 9:30am and the duration of this flight was approximately 1 hour and 15 minutes long. This flight was to observe breakup locations from South Bluff Island up to the main breakup at Abitibi River.

As of 10:30am the Moose River breakup that was stuck just upstream from the mouth of the Abitibi River has broken free and made a small channel. We watched this ice meet up with the back end of the jam above Kwatabohegan rapids, this ice began to move but had stopped again. All low lying areas continue to have over bank flooding. The water levels associated with the progression of this breakup remain high.

Also, on the Moosonee side of the river a large section broke from the south end of Bushy Island to just north of the towers, this ice only moved a few hundred yards.

French River remains the same, this ice has not moved since yesterday and still sits about 4 miles from Moose Factory

There is still no change in Kwatabohegan River: Remains broken up to the mouth of this river and the water levels and flow rates remain constant.

There is still no change in Cheepash River: Remains broken up to the mouth and the end of the ice remain about ½ mile from the mouth of the river. The water levels and flow rates remain moderate. When the main breakup nears Moosonee and Moose Factory, we can expect to see a significant increase in water levels and flow rates.

Moose Factory will remain at Level 3 – Warning Alert – Water levels are rising and breakup is within 20 miles from the community.

Please remain clear of the river banks due to the increased flow rates along the river.

Have a good morning Moose Factory/Moosonee

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