

Quebec calls for military assistance as province braces for heavy flooding

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The Quebec government called for federal assistance Friday — including Canadian Forces soldiers on the ground — as the province braces for heavy spring flooding over the weekend.

The risk level hasn't changed in recent days, but authorities now expect the brunt of flooding will begin on Sunday and last longer than expected, Quebec Public Security Minister Genevieve Guilbault told a news conference in Quebec City shortly after the request for help was accepted by Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale.

While the situation could change depending on the weather, Guilbault elected to ask for assistance as citizens scrambled to protect their homes while heavy rain warnings were in effect for much of southern Quebec.

Water levels are already high and are expected to rise sharply with warm temperatures, snowmelt runoff and the heavy rainfall in the forecast until Saturday.

"My only priority is the safety of citizens," Guilbault said. "I will spare no effort over the next few days to ensure the safety of citizens."

Officials in several communities are worried the flooding could be even worse than the record flooding of 2017 that

forced thousands from their homes.

Guilbault said Canadian Forces brass were discussing with provincial officials where to deploy military resources. She added she'd spoken directly with Brig.-Gen. Jennie Carignan and added the duration of their stay will depend largely on the situation on the ground.

Across Quebec, municipalities have been preparing sandbags and reinforcing homes as the rain is expected to intensify in the coming hours.

"Today is an important day, we're predicting we'll reach the water levels reached in 2017 in the next 24 hours and even exceed it," said Ginette Bellemare, the acting mayor of Trois-Rivieres, Que., about halfway between Montreal and Quebec City.

"For our citizens, it's a race against time. They must mobilize and protect their property."

Guilbault said the province will also allow stores — usually closed on Easter Sunday — to remain open this weekend so residents can stock up on supplies.

Thomas Blanchet, a spokesman for the province's public safety department, said residents should be ready for a sharp spike in water levels that could come quickly, and he implored them to follow the instructions of local officials.



CP PHOTO GRAHAM HUGHES
A residential street is shown surrounded by floodwaters in the town of Rigaud, Que. west of Montreal on Friday.

Blanchet said while there are no official evacuation orders in the province, some municipalities have issued preventative orders, such as Rigaud and Pointe-Fortune in southwestern Quebec.

Rigaud officials reported they expect a rapid rise in water flows on Saturday.

"The latest data confirms that water levels as high as those observed at the height of the May 2017 flood could be reached, depending on the amount of rain received, by next Monday," the town said in a release.

In Laval, just north of Montreal, officials said some

1,500 homes and businesses were under flood watch. In Montreal, Mayor Valerie Plante toured various parts of the city under flood watch.

Plante said the boroughs were well prepared, having learned lessons from record floods two years ago.

"We're putting all our energy, but in the end Mother Nature decides," Plante said.

In Saint-Raymond, about 60 kilometres northwest of the provincial capital, 24 seniors in three residences have been moved to higher ground as the Ste-Anne River levels continue to rise.

Earlier this week, the

Chaudiere River burst its banks and flooded a large part of downtown Beauceville, about 90 kilometres south of Quebec City. Officials there called it the worst flooding since 1971, with 230 homes and businesses flooded. At least 28 people remained unable to return home on Friday.

"With the forecast that we have, we will have heavy rainfall over the corridor from Outaouais to the Lower St. Lawrence," Blanchet said.

"Those regions have a high risk of flood right now with the precipitation that's announced and the warm temperatures that will increase the snowmelt."

PUBLIC NOTICES

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8AM - 4PM SPECIAL SERVICES

Electric Outages.....	403.529.8260
Gas Emergency.....	403.529.8191
Water & Sewer Emergency.....	403.502.8042
After Hours Special Services.....	403.526.2828



Medicine Hat
The Gas City

DEVELOPMENT PERMITS APPROVED APRIL 11 TO APRIL 17, 2019 PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

RESIDENTIAL

1125 BRIDGE STREET SE	(Lot 19, Block 1, Plan 796M) DP14868. Duplex Including Rear Entry Variance.
433 SPRAGUE WAY SE	(Lot 42, Block 18, Plan 8211253) DP14890. Garage (Shed).
81 - 1600 STRACHAN ROAD SE	(Lot 3, Block 1, Plan 9812805) DP14891. Single Detached House (Covered Deck).
31 ROSSDALE ROAD SE	(Lot 22, Block 6, Plan 7611036) DP14893. Single Detached House (Covered Deck).
A - 901 5 AVENUE SE	(Lot 1, Block 25, Plan 1595M) DP14898. Duplex (Overheight Fence Variance).
139 MARKWICK DRIVE SE	(Lot 8, Block 1, Plan 7410139) DP14899. Garage (Gazebo).
1864 16 STREET SE	(Lot 35, Block 5, Plan 317LK) DP14904. Garage (Shed).
19 COOK COURT SE	(Lot 17, Block 16, Plan 8610817) DP14905. Garage (Shed).
530 B PRINCESS AVENUE SE	(Lot 26, Block 70, Plan 58552) DP14907. Garage.
65 STEVENSON STREET SE	(Lot 10, Block 14, Plan 8010981) DP14910. Garage.
37 ROSS GLEN WAY SE	(Lot 17, Block 3, Plan 7610262) DP14915. Garage (Addition).
2471 7 AVENUE NE	(Lot 28, Block 17, Plan 0012635) DP14919. Garage (Gazebo).



COMMERCIAL

1 - 557 2 STREET SE	(Lot 13, Block 15, Plan 1491) DP14888. Two Fascia Signs.
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HOME OCCUPATION

320 WASHINGTON WAY SE	(Lot , Block 9, Plan 0413919) DP14897. Office Use Only. Janitorial Service.
370 10 STREET SW	(Lot 23, Block 17, Plan 2177M) DP14900. Office Use With Storage on Site. Property Management and Janitorial Service.
7 STRATTON LINK SE	(Lot 9, Block 10, Plan 0614000) DP14901. Office Use With Storage on Site. General Contractor/Project Manager.
3-226 CAMERON ROAD SE	(Lot 90, Block 1, Plan 7610262) DP14903. Office Use With Storage on Site. Delivery Service.

A person claiming to be affected by a decision of the Development Officer or the Municipal Planning Commission may appeal to the Medicine Hat Subdivision and Development Appeal Board by completing and submitting to the City Clerk Department, the required Notice of Appeal form within twenty-one (21) days of this publication. Notice of Appeal forms are available from the City Clerk Department, Third Floor, City Hall or on the City's website at www.medicinehat.ca

All Development Permits listed are subject to conditions. Further information on any Development Permit may be obtained from the Planning & Development Services Department, Second Floor, City Hall during normal business hours (Telephone 403.529.8374).

BYLAW #4585 PROPOSED BROWNFIELD TAX INCENTIVES BYLAW

TAKE NOTICE that City Council gave First Reading on Monday, April 15, 2019 to Bylaw #4585, a Bylaw of the City of Medicine Hat to provide for full or partial exemptions from taxation, or deferral of the collection of taxes, under Part 10, Division 2 of the Municipal Government Act, pursuant to section 364.1 of the MGA.

WHEREAS pursuant to section 364.1 of the MGA, Council may pass a bylaw providing for full or partial exemptions from taxation, or deferral of the collection of taxes, under Part 10, Division 2 of the MGA for "brownfield property", as defined by the MGA, for the purpose of encouraging development or redevelopment for the general benefit of the municipality.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that, unless a sufficient petition demanding a poll of the electors is received within 60 days following the date of the last publication of this Notice, the Council may pass the said bylaw as described in the Municipal Government Act, Sections 219 to 226.

A Public Hearing in general accordance with the Municipal Government Act and the City's Procedure Bylaw, and consideration of the Second/Third Readings of proposed Bylaw #4585 will be held in the City Hall Council Chambers at the address below on Tuesday, July 2, 2019, beginning at approximately 6:30 pm. Any person who claims to be affected by the proposed bylaw may make representation to City Council at the Public Hearing. Oral submissions are limited to five minutes.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that copies of the aforesaid proposed Bylaw may be accessed via the "Proposed Bylaws" section on the City's website at www.medicinehat.ca or inspected during office hours (8:30 am to 4:30 pm) at the City Clerk Department, Third Floor, City Hall, Medicine Hat, Alberta.

Anyone wishing to have a written submission concerning this proposed bylaw placed before the City Council must submit it to:

City Clerk Department, 580 First Street SE, Medicine Hat, Alberta T1A 8E6

by 12:00 noon, Wednesday, June 26, 2019.

All submissions are treated as public documents.

Dated at the City of Medicine Hat, in the Province of Alberta, this 20th day of April, 2019.

Angela Cruickshank, City Clerk

Phone 403.529.8234

Fax 403.529.8324

E-mail: clerk@medicinehat.ca

WATER MAIN FLUSHING & FIRE HYDRANT INSPECTIONS

Environmental Utilities performs regular, routine maintenance to uphold the water quality and system infrastructure by annually flushing water mains and inspecting fire hydrants.

During these operations, there may be some discoloration in the water which is not harmful to consume and will disappear when flushing is complete. Please note that discoloured water should not be used for laundry and that fluctuating water pressure may also be noticed.

Should discoloration persist beyond three hours, turn on your cold water tap or an outside sprinkler and let the water run for several minutes until the water runs clear.

For additional information or to confirm whether crews are working in your zone, refer to the Water Flushing Programs page on the City's website at www.medicinehat.ca/eu or contact Environmental Utilities at 403.529.8176.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANTS AVAILABLE

The Community Development Department offers grants to non-profit groups for innovative projects meeting social needs in the community. Grant monies of up to \$15,000 may be available. Sponsoring groups must provide at least 20% of project costs.

Application Deadline: 3 pm, May 1, 2019

Applications and guidelines are available online at www.medicinehat.ca

For further information, please call 403-529-8316.

CITY OF MEDICINE HAT ARTS & HERITAGE ADVISORY BOARD

NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS TO THE

SPECIAL CULTURAL EVENTS ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM

The program offers support for cultural events or projects filling a cultural need in the City, or for individuals, groups or organizations receiving recognition at international competitions, exhibitions, performances or events related to arts and culture.

Next Application Deadline: May 15, 2019

Applications and Guidelines are available at www.medicinehat.ca/grants or at the Esplanade (401 First Street SE, Medicine Hat).

For further information contact the Cultural Grant Administrator at 403-529-8316 or culturalgrants@medicinehat.ca.