



# Town of Atikokan

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## MEDIA RELEASE

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The Town of Atikokan Municipal Emergency Control Group (MECG) has been in ongoing communication and met on May 20, 2022 to discuss the extended Flood Warning issued by the Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry. The MECG is closely monitoring the river levels, potential rainfall, and risk of flooding to critical infrastructure, and at this time is not recommending a declaration of state of emergency.

The MECG is strongly recommending that residents:

- Avoid driving through flooded areas - Hancock Boulevard has now been closed to vehicular traffic at Cross Street on the West Side and south of the laneway on the East Side. There is a detour route available using Cross Street for residents to access their properties.
- Avoid traversing the river and the surrounding riverbank. The high water levels have strengthened the river's current which can be very dangerous.

Traversing flooded areas, the river and riverbank can cause erosion to banks and damage to personal property and critical infrastructure, it is important that the public follow these recommendations to avoid unnecessary damage or safety concerns.

To learn more about how to protect yourself, your family and your property in the event of a flood, please visit: [www.ontario.ca/page/be-prepared-emergency](http://www.ontario.ca/page/be-prepared-emergency).

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