



## For Immediate Release

### **RE: Flood Monitoring and Mitigation Measures**

#### **Whitewater Region, Ontario - April 23, 2026.**

The Whitewater Region Municipal Emergency Control Group (MECG) met earlier this week to review localized conditions and potential community impacts related to ongoing flooding.

The Township is receiving assistance from Global Medic in response.

Support includes the provision of a motorized sandbagging machine for use over the coming weeks.

In addition, Global Medic with the assistance of Whitewater Region Fire department will begin the installation of a water barrier on Lacroix Bay Road, scheduled for this afternoon.

Residents are advised to avoid the Lacroix Bay Road area where possible to allow crews to complete this work safely and efficiently.

Shower facilities for residents affected by flooding are available at the Westmeath Arena, Friday, April 24 from 2:00-5:00pm.

#### **Roads**

The Township's Public Works Department is monitoring roads for flooding and potential closures. Visual observations were conducted by Township staff which have observed some low-lying areas and roads in the Township experiencing minor flooding.

Municipal511.ca is being updated to report flooded roads as they become known. The Township advises residents in low-lying areas affected by flooding that access may be restricted by emergency services.

#### **Mitigation Measures**

Residents who have been affected by high water and flow conditions in the past should take necessary action to protect/secure any vulnerable property in proximity to rivers and lakes and closely monitor developing conditions and regularly check for updated messages.

The Township can be contacted at 613-646-2282 (Option 0) on Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. and after-hours emergency at 613-646-2282, Option 9.

#### **Information Gathering**

For safety, all residents should monitor weather conditions, check for updated messaging, and exercise caution near fast-moving water.

Ontario River Regulation Planning Board (ORRPB)

- <https://ottawariver.ca/>

Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNR)

- <https://www.liaapplications.lrc.gov.on.ca/webapps/swmc/flood-forecasting-and-warning-program/#ontarioFloodMap>

Ontario Power Generation (OPG)

- <https://www.opg.com/news-resources/education/water-management/>

Municipal 511

- <https://www.municipal511.ca/>

Township Website for Emergency Management/2026 Flood Updates

<https://www.whitewaterregion.ca/2026-flood-updates/>