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**Water Conditions Report for Southeastern Manitoba
July 2, 2009**

- The Red River is very near its crest at all points from Emerson to Selkirk. Additional rises will be less a quarter foot at all locations with crests occurring today or tomorrow. The level at Emerson is presently 23 feet above normal for this time of year. A table (flood sheet) showing conditions as of this morning is attached.
- The river level at James Avenue in downtown Winnipeg was 14.7 feet this morning, which is 8.3 feet above the normal summer level. It is expected to crest at 14.8 feet tomorrow and will remain quite steady this weekend. With favourable weather, the level is expected to decline to 8.5 feet by the middle of July.
- All smaller streams in southeastern Manitoba and the Interlake have crested and are falling but remain much above average for this time of year. Headwater portions of the Seine River, Rat River and Brokenhead River are still near bankfull.
- Many streams in eastern Manitoba from the Whiteshell north through Nopiming and Akitaki Provincial Parks are still rising. Levels of the Bloodvein River and other streams in this region are near record highs. Some roads in the area are flooded and lakes are very high.
- The Winnipeg River has risen to 907.2 feet at Nutimik Lake which is six feet above the normal level for this time of year. The high level is flooding some parks and is causing difficulties with docks and boathouses along the river.
- Lake Winnipeg is presently at 715.35 feet but is expected to rise further, likely to 715.45 feet, during the next few weeks due to the additional inflows from last weekend's rainstorm. Rainfall amounts over the lake will have a significant effect on levels. Manitoba Hydro has maintained maximum outflows from the lake since November, 2008.
- Overland flooding due to last weekend's deluge of 100 mm rain or more has subsided considerably during the past three days. However low spots will continue to be wet for another week or so even with favourable weather.

The floodsheet for Red River may be viewed at:

http://www.gov.mb.ca/waterstewardship/floodinfo/forecasts/flood_sheets/red_river_flood_sheet_jul_02.pdf