

**FLOOD REPORT FOR MANITOBA**

*May 24, 2022*

- Flood Warning\*:**
- Little Saskatchewan River
  - Whitemud River near Woodside
  - Dauphin Lake
  - Whiteshell Lakes area
  - Winnipeg River
  - Assiniboine River, from Shellmouth Dam to Brandon
  - Red River, Emerson to the Red River Floodway Channel Inlet
  - Shannon Creek, Morris and Little Morris Rivers
  - Red River, Red River Floodway Channel Outlet to Lake Winnipeg
- Flood Watch\*:**
- Mossy River
  - Roseau River
  - Souris River, US Border to Napinka

**Summary**

- There is no significant precipitation in the forecast for southern or central Manitoba for the next three days.
- The state of local emergency issued by Manitoba Environment, Climate and Parks for Whiteshell Provincial Park remains. Rapidly rising water levels are causing deteriorating and dangerous conditions, posing a significant risk to public safety. Manitobans should not travel into the Whiteshell Provincial Park area. Many highways are flooded, making travel conditions treacherous. Details are available at [www.manitobaparks.com](http://www.manitobaparks.com). Motorist are strongly encouraged to plan their routes before travelling by checking 511 ([www.manitoba511.ca/](http://www.manitoba511.ca/) or by calling 511).
- Manitoba Parks has issued a mandatory evacuation order and expanded closure from the west entrance at the north end of Whiteshell Provincial Park along Provincial Road (PR) 307 eastward to the junction of PR 307 and PR 309. Affected areas include Sylvia Lake, Eleanor Lake, Otter Falls, Barrier Bay, Nutimik Lake, and Betula Lake. The Betula Lake area closure and evacuation order is already in effect and the remaining areas will come into effect at 5pm today. During the period of the closure, no person should reside in or enter the closure area in the park.
- The evacuation order and closures apply to all cottage subdivisions, commercial areas, campgrounds, group use, day use, recreational and picnic areas, playgrounds, trails and beaches. The order also includes immediate closure of all backcountry campsites in Whiteshell Provincial Park.
- The Winnipeg River is experiencing very high flows and water levels due to significant volumes of water upstream in Lake of the Woods and Lac Seul, both of which are still rising. The Winnipeg River is expected to crest in early June. Information on current and

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forecasted water levels on the Winnipeg River are available on Manitoba Hydro's website: [https://www.hydro.mb.ca/corporate/facilities/water\\_levels/](https://www.hydro.mb.ca/corporate/facilities/water_levels/)

- There are still a significant number of provincial and municipal roads that have been damaged or closed in the Parkland region due to flooding. Motorists who need to travel in this area are strongly encouraged to plan their routes before travelling by checking 511 ([www.manitoba511.ca/](http://www.manitoba511.ca/) or by calling 511). Motorists are reminded to stay off of closed roads and to not attempt travel across inundated roads or damaged bridges.
- The Red River Floodway and Portage Diversion continue operation. Provincial crews are deployed to a number of communities in the Red River Valley running pumping operations, as well as monitoring dike closures. No additional closures are anticipated and crews will be removing closures as water levels recede.
- Manitobans are reminded to stay clear of the Red River floodway inlet and outlet structures, the Portage Diversion gate structures in the Portage Reservoirs, and actively flowing spillways on dams. Manitobans are also reminded to stay off waterways in flood stage including creeks, streams, rivers and the floodway. High flows, debris, and cold water temperatures present a significant hazard.
- Current water level data and forecast information is available on the department's website at [https://gov.mb.ca/mit/floodinfo/#forecasts\\_reports](https://gov.mb.ca/mit/floodinfo/#forecasts_reports).
- Flooding has impacted communities and properties, resulting in damages, mitigation activities and evacuations across southern and central Manitoba. Any questions or concerns about flood mitigation should be directed first to the municipal authority. Questions about forecasts, water levels, provincial waterways, or provincial water control infrastructure can be directed to 204-945-1165 or by email to [floodinfo@gov.mb.ca](mailto:floodinfo@gov.mb.ca).

## Weather

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## Red River Basin

- A flood warning remains for the Red River from Emerson to the Red River Floodway inlet, and from the outlet to Lake Winnipeg. A flood warning remains for the following Red River tributaries: Shannon Creek as well as the Morris, and Little Morris Rivers.
- Water Levels on the Red River upstream of Winnipeg continue to decline slowly. The river is expected to remain high for an extended duration, likely into June. For the latest forecast information, please check the latest flood sheet on the department's website.
- Water levels in most drains, creeks, and tributaries in the Red River basin are declining.
- The Red River Floodway continues to operate under rule 1 to lower water levels in Winnipeg while keeping water levels at or slightly below natural upstream of the inlet control structure. As of this morning, flow in the Floodway channel was 38,620 cfs (1,093.60 cms), and flows upstream of the Floodway Inlet are approximately 79,310 cfs (2,245.82 cms). The water level at James Avenue was at 18.5 ft (5.64 m) and the

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estimated water level that would occur at James Avenue without the operation of the Red River Floodway, Portage Diversion, and Shellmouth Dam is 27.11 ft (8.26 m).

- PTH 75 remains closed at the north and south ends of Morris. A detour utilizing PTH 3 through Carman and south to Winkler and onto PTH 14 to return to PTH 75 is in effect.

Table 1: Red River Valley Dike Closure Status

<b>Red River Valley Dike Closure Status - May 24, 2022</b>		
<b>Community</b>	<b>Dike Closures</b>	<b>Status</b>
Riverside	North (access road 2E) East and South	Full closure (North closure is ramped for vehicle access)
Emerson	at Noyes	Full closure
West Lynne	North West Lynne	Full closure
St. Jean Baptiste	East at PR 246	Full closure
	South East at Access Road	Full closure
Morris	North at PTH 75	Full closure
	West at PTH 23	Full closure
	South at PTH 75	Full closure
Brunkild	South at PTH 3	Partial closure (2 lanes open)
St. Adolphe	North at PR 200	Full closure
	West at Access Road	Full closure
	East at PR 210	Full closure (ramped and open to local traffic)
	South at PR 200	Full closure (ramped for vehicle access)
Ste. Agathe	East at PR 305	Partial closure (PR 305 open)

- Provincial crews continue to monitor dike closures in the Red River, the current dike closures are in place at locations shown in Table 1. No additional closures are anticipated and crews will be removing closures as water levels recede.
- Provincial crews are running pumping operations at 35 different pump sites to facilitate internal drainage inside ring dike communities. Pumping operations are underway at Noyes, Emerson, West Lynne, Dominion City, Letellier, St. Jean Baptiste, Morris, Rosenort, Riverside, St. Adolphe, St. Agathe, Niverville, Aubigny and Brunkild.

### Assiniboine River Basin

- The flood warning for the Assiniboine River from Shellmouth Dam to Brandon and the Little Saskatchewan River remains. A flood watch is in place for the Souris River between the US border and Napinka.
- Inflows on the Shellmouth reservoir continue to rise. Flows and levels on the Assiniboine River downstream of the dam are stable or declining, due to the operation of the dam storing water.
- The department is operating the Shellmouth Dam in compliance with the operating guidelines and in consultation with the Shellmouth Liaison Committee. As of this morning, the reservoir water level is at 1,402.1 feet (427.36 m), an increase of 0.4 ft (0.12 m). Inflows to the reservoir are approximately 6,180 cfs (175.00 cms) and outflows

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are 3,457 cfs (97.89 cms). Dam operations are continuously assessed and outflows may change in response to conditions.

- Water levels and flows on the Little Saskatchewan River continue to recede at most locations but the water levels remain high. Flood forecasters are monitoring the conditions closely and will issue updates, as required. Provincial staff are in regular communication with the town of Minnedosa and are monitoring the situation closely.
- Flows on the Souris River in Manitoba will continue rising for a few days as a result of releases from reservoirs upstream in the USA. There is some flooding of low-lying areas between the US border and Napinka but all other stretches of the river are reported to be within bank.
- The Portage Diversion is operating to limit discharge to the Lower Assiniboine from the Portage Reservoir to approximately 10,000 cfs, in accordance with the operating guidelines. As of this morning, flow down the diversion channel is 8,158 cfs (231.01 cms) and flow on the lower Assiniboine River just east of Portage La Prairie is 9,606 cfs (272.01 cms).

## Whitemud River

- A flood warning remains for the Whitemud River near Woodside. Water levels are stable at Woodside but declining at all other locations.

## Eastern Region

- A flood warning remains for the Winnipeg River and the Whiteshell lakes area. A flood watch remains for the Roseau River.
- The state of local emergency issued by Manitoba Environment, Climate and Parks for Whiteshell Provincial Park remains. Rapidly rising water levels are causing deteriorating and dangerous conditions, posing a significant risk to public safety. Manitobans should not travel into the Whiteshell Provincial Park area. Many highways are flooded, making travel conditions treacherous. Details are available at [www.manitobaparks.com](http://www.manitobaparks.com).
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website: [https://www.hydro.mb.ca/corporate/facilities/water\\_levels/](https://www.hydro.mb.ca/corporate/facilities/water_levels/) Citizens in these areas are advised to continue to remain vigilant and take any necessary precautions.

### Parkland Region

- A flood warning for Dauphin Lake and a flood watch for Mossy River remain. The level of Dauphin Lake has exceeded flood stage and will remain above flood stage until the end of June with normal weather conditions.
- Water levels and flows on Dauphin Lake and outflows from the lake on Mossy River continue to rise but are near peak. Water levels and flows on the remaining rivers and drains draining out of the Riding Mountain area are declining. Rivers and streams further north, draining out of the Duck and Porcupine Mountains are generally stable or declining.
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- Pumping operations continue to provide internal drainage at the community of Ste. Rose du Lac.

### Manitoba Lakes

- The north basin of Lake Winnipeg has some ice remaining but it is degrading quickly, most other lakes are ice-free.
- Outflow from Lake Manitoba through the Fairford River Water Control Structure this morning is approximately 3,281 cfs (92.91 cms). The structure is being operated in accordance with the operating guidelines.
- Lake Winnipeg is at 715.04 ft (217.94 m) today and rising towards the upper end of its operation range. Provincial officials are collaborating with Manitoba Hydro to monitor conditions and forecasts for the lake.

### \*Definitions

**Flood Warning:** A flood warning is issued when river or lake levels are exceeding or are expected to be exceeding flood stage within the next 24 hours.

**Flood Watch:** A flood watch is issued when river or lake levels are approaching and likely to reach flood stage, but likely not within the next 24 hours.

**High Water Advisory:** A high water advisory is issued when a heavy storm or high flows are expected and may cause water levels to rise, but not necessarily reach flood stage. A high water advisory can be an early indicator for conditions that may develop into a flood watch or flood warning.