



2020 Spring freshet: Drop in water levels

Municipality of Pontiac

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What you should know :

- This is a notice informing you that there has been a drop in water levels.
- According to recent forecasts by the *Ottawa River Planning Board* (ORRPB), **water levels are dropping and are expected to reach levels below the minor flood threshold** in the coming days.
- The ORRPB warns citizens however, to remain vigilant since the spring freshet (thaw) is not completely over.
- The Municipality continues to monitor the water levels and is working in partnership with the ministère de la Sécurité publique du Québec (MSP) in order to provide all the necessary means to ensure the safety of the population.
- The Municipality however wishes to remind residents to take the **necessary precautions**:
 - Considering that the government will not allow the opening of shelters for disaster victims due to the Covid-19, citizens are asked to think of a **place where they could to stay** in the event of a flood (family or friends);
 - Follow the recommendations of the ministère de la Sécurité publique du Québec (MSP) to keep you safe, such as **preparing an emergency kit and a family emergency plan**: www.quebec.ca/securite-situations-urgence/urgences-sinistres-risques-naturels/inondation;
 - Check if your **bilge pump** is in good working order;

Where to inquire:

- For more information on the water levels: www.ottawariver.ca/;
- The ministère de la Sécurité publique du Québec (MSP) Website: www.securitepublique.gouv.qc.ca/en/civil-protection/preparing-for-disasters/disasters.html;
- Municipality of Pontiac's Website : www.municipalitepontiac.com/fr/;
- Municipality of Pontiac's Facebook account: www.facebook.com/pontiacmun/.