



## 2020 Spring freshet: Preventive notice – rising water levels

Municipality of Pontiac

April 8, 2020 – 11:00 a.m.

### What you should know :

- This is a preventive notice concerning the rising water levels.
- The *Ottawa River Regulation Planning Board* (ORRPB) is foreseeing **minor floods** to date, all the same, it warns residents who live in low lands along the Ottawa River, that water levels could increase rapidly during the spring freshet.
- 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 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 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](http://www.quebec.ca/securite-situations-urgence/urgences-sinistres-risques-naturels/inondation);
  - Check if your **bilge pump** is in good working order;
  - Remove snow from around the foundation of your home to prevent flooding in your basement.

### Where to inquire:

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