



2020 Spring freshet: Preventive distribution of sand bags

Municipality of Pontiac

April 8, 2020 – 6:00 p.m.

What you should know :

- This is a notice concerning a preventive distribution of sand bags.
- Considering that the *Ottawa River Regulation Board (ORRPB)* so far foresees **minor floods**, considering the COVID-19 situation and the fact that we must all adhere to specific government safety guidelines, considering the Easter long week-end, **the Municipality has decided to be proactive and to start, as a precaution only, to distribute empty sand bags to citizens who might be affected.**
- The empty bags will be distributed tomorrow, Thursday April 9, 2020 at each residence on the following roads:
 - Dion Road
 - Bord-de-l'eau Road
 - Pointe-Indienne Road
- Please note that the distribution of bags will not, for the time being, be distributed to the entire territory of the Municipality, since the water level is not currently a concern, distribution will be phased in gradually, as needed.
- In order to comply with the various safety and health instructions in effect with the COVID-19, the Municipality will deliver piles of sand at multiple locations on the targeted roads.
- Citizens will be able to fill their bags with sand by complying with the various government safety directives, including among others, that of social distancing with a **minimum distance of two metres between each individual.**
- The Municipality invites citizens to act in good faith and to apply good judgement in the application of safety instructions.
- The MRC des Collines Police Department will provide police patrol on the targeted roads.

- The Municipality continues to monitor the water levels **throughout its territory** in order to provide for any other means necessary to ensure the safety of the population.

Where to inquire:

- For more information on the water levels: 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;
- Municipality of Pontiac's Facebook account: www.facebook.com/pontiacmun.