



## City of Pembroke Media Release

For Immediate Release – May 10, 2019

The City of Pembroke has declared an emergency as of 9:02 am on May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Water levels on the Ottawa River are rapidly rising with some rain in the forecast, creating levels that will exceed the City's resources.

The City of Pembroke has taken necessary precautions and the Water Purification Plant and Pollution Control Centre remain safe. Drinking water in the City of Pembroke is safe to consume.

If you are interested in offering support with the City's flood relief efforts, please call 613-735-6821 ext. 1409. The City of Pembroke has a sandbag station at the Pembroke & Area Community Centre (40 Bennett Street, Pembroke, ON). The sandbag station will be open during the following hours:

- May 10, 2019 from 7:30am-6:00pm
- May 11, 2019 from 7:30am-6:00pm

We are asking interested volunteers and community organizations to register at the Pembroke & Area Community Centre if they wish to assist with filling sandbags. Sandbags will be available for pick-up at the Pembroke & Area Community Centre for residents in affected flood areas in the City of Pembroke. Sandbags can also be delivered and volunteer teams deployed to assist with the creation of sandbag walls. Should residents require this support, they should call 613-735-6821 ext. 1409.

Residents affected by flooding should register with the Red Cross by calling 1-800-863-6582 or at <https://www.redcross.ca/in-your-community/ontario/major-responses/spring-flooding-in-ontario-2019>. The Red Cross may be in the area next week for residents who have registered. Should residents have water in their basements near electrical sources, they should contact Ottawa River Power Corporation at 613-732-3687 or after hours at 613-735-0014 to determine if their power should be shut off for safety reasons.

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