



PUBLIC NOTICE

SPRING FLOOD 2026

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Dear citizens,

The Spring flood has been underway for a few days. Recent and upcoming rainfall, combined with snowmelt, will cause **water levels to gradually rise**. However, colder temperatures forecasted starting Monday are expected **to slow the snowmelt** and the progression of the flood.

The Ottawa **River** is expected to reach levels that **could cause minor flooding in some areas**. However, the situation could intensify by **Sunday, April 19**, due to milder temperatures and the influx of water from the melting snow of Temiskaming.

As of April 16, at 5 p.m., **Coulonge Lake** was **107.56 m**; the forecast is for a level of about **108.3 m on Saturday**, with **Coulonge River outflows of up to 400 m³/s**.

Our teams are **fully mobilized** and a **notice to the population will be issued daily** to keep you informed of the evolution of the situation.

We urge the public to exercise **caution**, including by:

1. Clearing shoreline lands of any objects that could be washed away
2. Taking the necessary steps to prepare for a possible aggravation
3. Increased **monitoring of children** near waterways and flooded areas

We also ask for your cooperation to **avoid wasting drinking water** until the end of the flood, in order to reduce the pressure on the water treatment plant equipment.

Sand is available free of charge in the arena courtyard for filling sandbags. To obtain a desired quantity of bags, please contact **819-664-0301**. Filling bags remains the responsibility of citizens.

We are counting on your vigilance and remain attentive to the situation to ensure everyone's safety. For any additional information or danger reports, please contact the municipality.