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PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

Public Works addressing flooding conditions

(Kahnawake – 8, Onerahtókha/April 2014) The Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke would like to inform the community that Public Works crews are working vigilantly to resolve flooding conditions in the community.

The amount of snow that melted in a short period in addition to the rain has resulted in the increase of water around roads, ditches and yards. Crews are working with pumps to alleviate flooding in several areas. Lift station #2 (near Onake) is at fifty (50%) bypass and lift station #3 (near the Recreation path) and the sewage treatment plant are on full bypass.

Utilizing the bypass is a last resort to ensure excess water and sewage doesn't back up into homes.

Homeowners are advised to check their sump pumps regularly to ensure their pits are being drained. Rain gutters and piping to direct water towards the storm drains will also assist.

Homes that are not connected to the centralized water and sewer system may have a full septic tank. Homeowners are advised to wait until water levels recede before having the waste removed. Swamp water will continue to fill septic tanks that are emptied until the water levels return to normal.

Lastly, additional chlorine is added to potable water to combat bacteria that may be present from the higher volume of water in the system. The water is safe for consuming and is tested on regular basis.

For further information, please contact the Water and Sewer Department at (450) 632-5825 or if you need information regarding flooding in your own home, contact (514) 891-9751.

SUGGESTED INSTRUCTIONS FOR MEDIA

Please mention at your discretion accordingly.

For further information on this release contact Justus Polson-Lahache at 450-632-7500 x2267