



Town of Iroquois Falls

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Media Release - Update on Declaration of Emergency

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Keeping in line with the ongoing measures to provide remediation towards the persistent high-water levels at Nellie Lake, I would like to issue an update to the residents of Iroquois Falls. This update will provide information regarding current pumping operations for the week of September 11th – 15th, 2023.

- After completing baseline water analysis on September 11th, AquaTech began commissioning the pumping units on Tuesday September 12th.
- Over the course of the week, the contractor continues to make minor adjustments to the pipelines to address leaks and install sediment control measures at the discharge location.
- Work continues to fine tune the current operations.
- Remote water level monitoring gauges were installed today, September 15th.
- Due to the recent precipitation, minor road maintenance is planned for early next week to improve access to the discharge point.
- An update on the pumping volume and lake elevation will be provided to the broader PEOC group mid-next week.

The Town of Iroquois Falls continues to work closely with the Porcupine Health Unit, the Provincial Emergency Operations Center, and our Ministry partners.

As water levels gradually reduce over the next several weeks and you have any questions or concerns with respect to septics or other health matters, please contact the Porcupine Health Unit. If you have concerns over pumping activity, please contact the Town of Iroquois Falls or MNRF Cochrane District Office (mnrf.coc@ontario.ca).

The MNRF, in collaboration with WSP Canada Inc, has provided the Town of Iroquois Falls with a Technical Memorandum outlining the investigation of the high-water levels at Nellie Lake. To request a copy of this report please contact Maureen Reeder, Deputy Clerk, by email at: mreeder@iroquoisfalls.com.

The Town of Iroquois Falls wishes to express our gratitude to all members of the community, the Porcupine Health Unit, our Ministry partners and the Provincial Emergency Operations Center for their continued support and collaboration. We will continue to monitor this situation, as we work together towards short and long-term resolutions.

Tory Delaurier, Mayor of Iroquois Falls

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