

For Immediate Release

The Emergency Control Group for the City of Temiskaming has declared a State of Emergency.

Due to the current water levels of Lake Temiskaming and prevailing winds has resulted in the shifting of ice along the Shoreline. The STATO trail, Boardwalk and Fleming Drive have been closed for public use along the shoreline as well as all municipal Marinas until further notice.

Declaring a State of Emergency will allow the City the ability to take necessary measures to protect critical infrastructure.

Given the flooding issues across Ontario, especially in the Ottawa region, it is anticipated water levels will continue to rise in Lake Temiskaming, thus further closures of public facilities and/or roadways may be required.

Businesses and residents, especially those in low-lying areas and along shorelines, are encouraged to monitor these conditions and prepare accordingly. Shorelines and banks adjacent to rivers and creeks are very slippery and unstable at this time and, when combined with cold open water, pose a serious hazard.

The City will be monitoring critical municipal infrastructure in these low-lying areas. Municipal manpower and efforts will be focused on the protection of municipal, especially those related to the sanitary sewer collection system.

The Emergency Control Group for the City of Temiskaming Shores will continue to monitor the situation and provide further information. You are encouraged to listen to the local radio station as well as the City's website and facebook pages.