

April 12, 2022



### Alberta Rivers and Parks River Forecast Centre Update River Ice Advisory Issued April 12, 2022

The River Forecast Centre is issuing a River Ice Advisory for ice breakup for the Athabasca River from the Town of Athabasca to Fort McKay (including Fort McMurray) due to changing ice conditions. This is a routine advisory and there are no immediate threats to Albertans or infrastructure at this time.

#### Current Conditions and Impacts:

Breakup of the Athabasca River ice is underway between Athabasca and Fort McKay:

- The ice cover is largely melting in place, but large open sections and small ice jam have been observed:
  - As the ice continues to melt and breakup, these ice jams are expected to release and form larger ice jams
  - The current cold temperatures have stalled this process, but as the temperatures rise this weekend this process will continue and will accelerate
  - The ice cover is largely melting in place, but large open sections and small ice jams have been observed:
- In early April, 2022 the River Forecast Centre identified an above-average risk of flooding at Fort McMurray due to the high snowpack in the Athabasca River basin
  - The alternating warm-cold temperature cycles experienced this spring have reduced the snow pack in a low-risk way. However, there remains significant snow on the ground downstream of the Town of Athabasca, so risk of flooding remains.



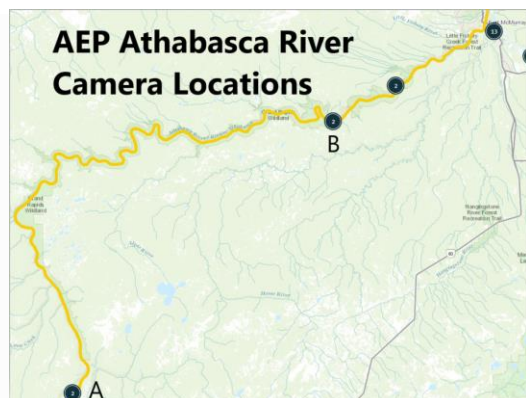
River Breakup Camera at Water Treatment Plant, south of the bridge, facing downstream (north).  
April 12, 2022 – 1120hr [Watch it live here](#)



Athabasca River at Town of Athabasca. April 10, 2022



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**A** Athabasca River above House River  
April 12, 2022 – 0900hr [rivers.alberta.ca](https://rivers.alberta.ca)



**B** Athabasca River below Crooked Rapids  
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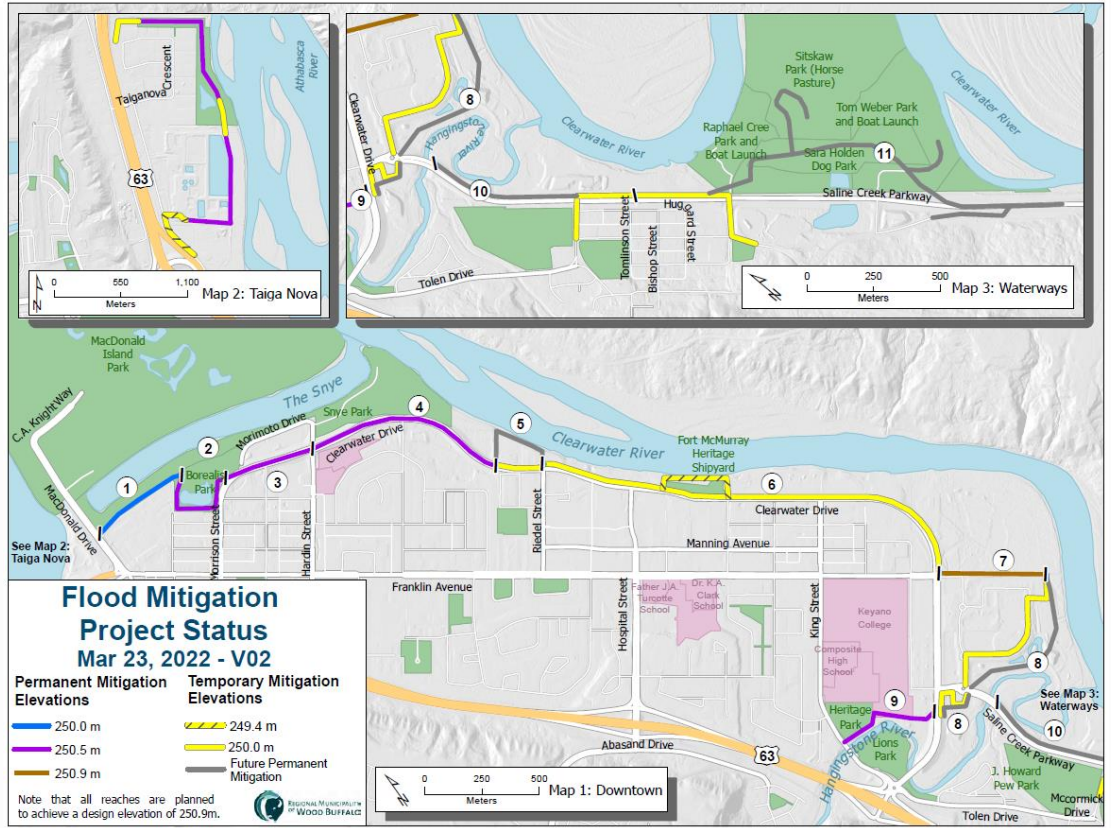
# River BREAKUP

## Regional Emergency Coordination Centre (RECC) Update

### Historical River Breakup Dates

2021	May 6
2020	May 3
2019	Apr 22
2018	Apr 27
2017	Apr 25
2016	Apr 19
2015	Apr 14
2014	Apr 27
2013	Apr 29

**What mitigation is being used?** For detailed information on 2022 Flood Mitigation work, visit <https://www.rmwb.ca/en/permits-and-development/flood-mitigation.aspx>



### Do you know someone who may need assistance evacuating in an emergency?

The Vulnerable Persons Registry (VPR) is a free, voluntary and confidential service that improves the safety of vulnerable residents living at home. This is done by communicating directly with registrants during emergencies and by sharing key information to first responders about those on the VPR.

For more information, visit [rmwb.ca/VPR](http://rmwb.ca/VPR) or call PULSE 780-743-7000



### Do you have a 72-Hour Go Kit ....just in case?

- Clothing – in-season and comfortable
- Personal Hygiene items
- Mobile phone charger
- Pet food and supplies
- Prescription Medication
- Extra keys for house and vehicles
- Cash
- Important Documents
- Water – 2L/per person per day
- Food – snacks and non-perishables

Find more information on self-preparedness here: [Emergency Preparedness - Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo \(rmwb.ca\)](#)

### Download the Alertable App

Scan the QR code below to download and ensure you get important notifications about emergencies in our region. These are generated right here in our community. More info at [rmwb.ca](http://rmwb.ca).



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