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**N.D.C.A. HOLDS ANNUAL SPRING RUNOFF MEETING**

**Sudbury...** The Nickel District Conservation Authority (NDCA) held its annual Spring Flood Contingency Planning meeting today at Tom Davies Square. Many organizations and agencies were represented at the meeting to discuss preparations for the upcoming Spring runoff. Representatives from the City of Greater Sudbury's Infrastructure, Growth and Development, and Emergency Services departments; Greater Sudbury Police Services; Greater Sudbury Fire Services; Greater Sudbury Hydro; VALE; Xstrata Nickel; Domtar; Ontario Power Generation, etc., attended the meeting.

Preparations by all the agencies for the Spring runoff were reviewed in detail. It was emphasized that many of the organizations and agencies will be communicating on a regular basis during the runoff period. The general public will be regularly updated on developing conditions by the N.D.C.A and its partners. It was noted at the meeting that flood preparedness/ emergency preparedness information can be found on the NDCA's website at [www.nickeldistrict.ca](http://www.nickeldistrict.ca) and the City's website at [www.greatersudbury.ca](http://www.greatersudbury.ca). If necessary, this type of information would also be delivered directly to residents in hazard areas.

At this time, there is average to above average snow pack across all the watersheds, with above to well above water content in the snow. In general ground conditions are frozen and highly saturated as a result of all the rain received in late Fall, 2012. Weather conditions over the next four to five weeks will directly influence the severity and extent of spring runoff to be experienced in our watersheds. Ice jams could also be a problem in some areas, as the water levels rise. Residents who live in low-lying and known hazard areas, will have to closely monitor developing conditions. Residents of the City of Greater Sudbury who may experience overland runoff and flooding problems, must call the municipality at 3-1-1, 24 hours a day for assistance.



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The NDCA, like other agencies, wants to remind the general public to stay away from waterbodies and watercourses as they start to open up once the Spring runoff is fully underway. A tragedy can happen very quickly around cold, fast-flowing water. Frequent updates will be provided during the spring runoff period as required.

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