

## COMMUNITY NOTICE

Friday, May 10, 2019

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### **FLOODING UPDATE – Jocko Point Response & Preparations for Beaucage**

GARDEN VILLAGE, ON – Nipissing First Nation (NFN) is experiencing severe flooding in Jocko Point, and crews are working to sandbag dwellings in the nearby community of Beaucage to prevent similar damages.

At least 150 homes and cottages in Jocko Point are affected by flooding caused by yesterday's heavy rain, strong winds and extreme wave action, which resulted in devastating damages for some residents.

Today, water surges have receded in Jocko Point, however winds have shifted southwest and are expected to gust between 19 and 28 km/h throughout the day, which has the potential to create similar surges and risks for flooding damage in Beaucage. We are watching both communities closely and continue to coordinate sand and sand bags for residents.

Lake Nipissing water levels have risen 6cm (nearly 2.5 inches) on average since yesterday. Minimal precipitation is expected over the weekend, but we are concerned about inflows into Lake Nipissing as efforts are being made to alleviate flooding to the north of us. The lower French River area is prepared to take on water from Lake Nipissing to ease pressure on communities surrounding the lake.

**Nipissing First Nation has not declared a state of emergency, nor have we issued any evacuation orders.**

**NFN will only issue evacuation orders if water breaches Jocko Point Road and it becomes unpassable.**

**NFN Public Works will be adding gravel and building up Jocko Point Road today to mitigate this risk.**

At this time, there are no concerns about any road washouts, but we are actively monitoring the situation and will provide updates as they become available. Should an evacuation order be issued for Jocko Point residents, notices will be delivered door-to-door and posted to all NFN communication channels.

Miigwech (thank you) to all of the volunteers who have worked tirelessly to support community members. The Jocko Point Community Centre will be available to residents for shelter and access to potable water.

### **More Information & Resources**

Please visit our website at [www.nfn.ca](http://www.nfn.ca), Facebook page ([NipissingFN](https://www.facebook.com/NipissingFN)) or Twitter feed ([@Nipissing\\_FN](https://twitter.com/Nipissing_FN)) for regular updates, or reach out to the contacts listed below for more information.

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