

January 28, 2008
2:00 p.m.

Prince George Ice Jam and Flood – Day 49

The Ice Jam on the Nechako River has now increased in distance beyond the city limits. Soft, frazil ice continues to form in the open water sections of the river due to the extreme cold temperatures. So far the extended ice jam has not caused any new challenges for people living and working along the river within the city limits however, crews continue to keep a close eye on water levels in the Morning Place area where a few homes experienced minor groundwater flooding yesterday afternoon due to rising water levels.

The Amphibex amphibious excavator is not working today due to an ice build up in the Fraser River a short distance from the confluence with the Nechako River. Huge amounts of ice that broke free during the weekend in the Nechako River have now jammed up near the CN rail bridge. The extreme cold has also closed the open channels in the Fraser River so ice from the Nechako River has no where to go.

Work on the Warm Water Solution (WWS) system continues today and crews are hoping to begin testing the system as soon as possible. The extreme cold yesterday slowed progress on the project but crews are back working today to try to complete construction and move to the testing stage. The WWS system will help keep the open channel in the lower Nechako free of ice and available to help handle any new 'ice shifts & water surges'.

Area A – River Road

- Crews are still completing off-ramps at the western end of River Road.

Area B – Ongman Road/McAloney Crescent

- No new activity.

Area C – Pulp Mill Road

- No new activity.

Area D – Delhaven/Pozer Road

- No new activity.

Area E – Morning Place/North Nechako Road

- Crews are on scene again today monitoring ice and water levels in this section of the Nechako River. Rising water yesterday afternoon caused some minor groundwater flooding in a few basements. No further flooding or damage has been reported.

The City and Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) Team will host the 2nd **Community Information Forum** tomorrow evening at the Civic Centre beginning at 7 pm. The meeting will consist of brief presentations on 'what's new' with the Ice Jam & Flood followed by a question-answer session.

Ice Jam & Flood information and photos are available for viewing on the City of Prince George website at www.city.pg.bc.ca