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MEDIA RELEASE

Flooding Emergency in Minto – Update June 24, 2017 8:04 a.m.

Floodwaters in the Town of Minto have receded to the Young Street area, trailer park, and flood plain. There is still considerable flow in the river with large volumes of water moving at a high rate of speed. The river should be closer to its normal channel later in the day.

Young Street is still closed. Other local roads in Harriston are still closed pending inspections. Public Works is inspecting roads to ensure there is no undermining before roads are fully open. Members of the public are still to exercise extreme caution. Some rural roads are not safe due to washouts and are still closed.

As roads open evacuated members of the public are able to return home except in the Harriston trailer park. Those who had their power shut off must contact a licensed electrician to verify it is safe to turn power on. The electrician will make arrangements with Westario for power to be reconnected. Regarding natural please contact Union Gas for information on turning on the supply.

Starting at 8am relief groups and Minto Fire will be attempting to meet with property owners with flood damage to record basic information and contact details. The Town of Minto will be updating its website to provide a portal to submit contact information. All landowners with damage must first contact their own insurance company. If a landowner wants a building inspection they should advise Minto Fire or advise through the website portal. Information on potential relief programs will be made available next week.

Water and sewer systems are being inspected by Town Public Works. The boil water advisory remains in effect. A major sewage pumping station is yet to be on line after the electrical system was shut down due to flooding. A plan for collecting waste and debris is being developed will be communicated shortly.

The Emergency Operations Centre continues to meet. Mayor Bridge thanked all emergency responders, Town staff, and community members for their tremendous cooperation during this event. For further information contact

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