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Flooding Emergency in Minto – Update 1:20pm

Town of Minto Mayor declared a state of emergency at 10:04 am on Friday June 23, 2017 due to flooding. As floodwaters continue to rise several rural roads are not passable. There is flooding in the area of Young Street, King Street, Mill Street and George Street in Harriston where several homes have been evacuated. The Palmerston Arena is open for evacuated residents.

Minto Fire, OPP and Public Works are on scene and have asked that the travelling public not enter Harriston for public safety reasons. Ministry of Transportation and County of Wellington are in the process of closing roads through to Harriston. The travelling public is encouraged to find routes outside of the north end of Wellington County where possible.

The Maitland Valley Conservation Authority flood watch remains in place as the Maitland River continues to rise. The river is not expected to crest until later in the day. The Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority also has a flood watch on. People are asked to stay away from rising water as it is not safe. The public are encouraged to monitor social media, websites and other forms of communication regarding the status of the river.

There are several homes and businesses in the communities of Palmerston, Clifford and Harriston that have flooded basements and other areas. Minto Fire is assessing these locations to assist where possible. Unless asked to evacuate residents and businesses are to remain in place, and to avoid contributing to traffic in the area.

The Minto Emergency Operation Centre has been convened and is responding to emergency services. The Town of Minto office is open to phone calls. There are no reported injuries at this time.

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