

Muskrat Falls Generation Project Stakeholder Update

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Providing public updates about important topics regarding the Muskrat Falls generation facility remains a priority for us. We are committed to keeping people living in the area up-to-date on our activities. As we move closer to raising water levels in the reservoir (impoundment) and achieving first power from the facility later this year, we will continue to regularly share information to ensure our stakeholders have the information that's important to them.

Water Level Changes

As indicated last week, we are now making a change to the water level upstream of the Muskrat Falls site. Starting today we will slowly raise the water level over the coming days from 23m up to 25m.

Spring Thaw

With the warming temperatures the annual spring melt of ice and snow in the Churchill River watershed has begun. Over the coming weeks, the melting snow will increase local water inflows into the Churchill River. As this happens the ice on and along the river will begin to break-up. As the spring melt occurs, we aim to maintain the water level in the reservoir at our targeted elevation of around 25m. Water resulting from spring melt will pass through the spillway as we keep the reservoir at 25m.

Enhanced Monitoring on the lower Churchill River

The Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment - Water Resources Management Division (WRMD-MAE) has enhanced its water level monitoring on the lower Churchill River through the installation of new monitoring stations and the establishment of a Community River Watch Program. Through the spring melt WRMD-MAE will regularly post information on its website.

- Churchill River Early Flood Warning and Alert System:
https://www.mae.gov.nl.ca/waterres/flooding/lc_flood_warning.html
- Ice Jam Risk Forecast for the lower Churchill River:
https://www.mae.gov.nl.ca/waterres/flooding/LC_Ice_Jam_Risk_Forecast.html

Be Safe Around Ice and Water

The ice cover around the Muskrat Falls facility is unsafe for recreational use due to fluctuating water flows and changing ice conditions. We advise people to avoid the ice and river upstream and directly downstream of the facility. During the spring melt, the formation of ice jams is possible. People should be aware of this risk and the possible consequences of a flood should an ice jam occur.

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