



## CITY OF MERRITT

# MEDIA RELEASE

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### **Re: Nicola River Flooding**

Inflows from Nicola Lake have fallen to 87cm/s and outflows from the Nicola Lake dam continue to remain steady at 75 cm/s. Water levels remain high, but have not increased since May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

The Nicola Lake rose two (2) centimeters over the last day and barring precipitation, it is anticipated that Nicola Lake will peak sometime between May 17 – 21, 2018, at which time we should see a reduction in the outflows from the Nicola Lake dam.

Despite these positive signs indicating that Nicola River water levels may soon decrease, there is a risk of a rain event in our region over the upcoming two days, which could potentially contribute to worsening flood conditions, so we ask that citizens continue to be vigilant.

On May 15, 2018, there were forty-seven (47) wildfire firefighters assisting with filling sandbags for public and City use. As of today, there are forty-nine (49) wildfire firefighters aiding the flood mitigation effort in our City.

Following an inspection from an engineer and significant sandbagging and pumping efforts, Voght Street, a major thoroughfare in our City, was re-opened this morning at approximately 1:00 AM.

We wish to remind residents who have experienced flood related losses of the Province's Disaster Financial Assistance program, for more information about that program, and whether you may qualify for assistance, please visit the following link:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/emergency-preparedness-response-recovery/emergency-response-and-recovery/disaster-financial-assistance/forms-and-information>

Regards,  
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