



PUBLIC NOTICE

Residents of the Rural Municipality of Morris are advised that the Province of Manitoba has forecasted that we should prepare for a flood event that would be similar to 2009.

In 2009 the community of Riverside as well as some other properties were evacuated because they were not accessible due to roads being overrun with flood waters. The Rural Municipality of Morris Council held a Special Meeting of Council on Monday, April 1, 2019 to pass a couple of resolutions dealing with taking some pre-emptive flood measures.

Firstly, Road 2E (aka Riverside Road) between the Rosenort Ring Dyke on Road 29N and the Ring Dyke surrounding Riverside will be raised by an average of 2 feet. This is a distance of approximately 4,200 lineal feet. This pre-emptive measure should allow access to the community of Riverside in the event that flood waters actually reach 2009 flood levels. We ask that if you can take alternate roads during this time it would be appreciated.

Secondly, Road 31N, between PR 205 and Road 1W, will be raised to be at the same height as the bridge deck (bridge over the Morris River). This pre-emptive measure should allow for the current detour to remain open for hopefully a few more days in the event of a 2009 flood level event. Currently this road is being used as a detour during the construction of a new bridge over the Morris River on PR 422, so we would advise extreme caution when meeting our workers and equipment.

Physical work on these two pre-emptive projects will be starting on Wednesday, April 3rd, 2019 and it will take approximately 10 days to complete. We thank you in advance for your cooperation in ensuring the safety of yourself and our workers. We want everyone to make it home to their families at the end of the day.

Sandbags – we have received some calls from residents about sandbags. We would like to advise you that if you have a ring dyke around your private property, that it is your responsibility to ensure that your access is at such a level to prevent flood waters from running onto your properties. We do have a small amount of sandbags available for those property owners that are looking to ensure that any culverts underneath private ring dykes are blocked to prevent flood waters from entering via these openings. As in previous flood events we must advise you that there may be a charge for sandbags.

We would like to advise that we will not have sandbags available for ring dyke closures, as we would advise you to ensure that you have a contractor available that will be able to close your dykes with suitable materials.