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FROM: RANDY
TO: MUNICIPAL WEBSITE
RE: FLOOD INFO – MARCH 2019

WHILE IT IS STILL SUBZERO WEATHER IT IS NOT TOO EARLY TO BEGIN THINKING ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF FLOODING THIS SPRING.

THE LONG RANGE WEATHER FORECAST IS PREDICTING THE POSSIBILITY OF A RAPID INCREASE IN TEMPERATURE FOLLOWING THIS LONG DEEP FREEZE. THE SOIL MOISTURE IS LOWER THAN NORMAL HOWEVER THE FROST LEVEL IS DEEPER THAN NORMAL. IF A RAPID MELT OCCURS THERE WILL BE OVERLAND FLOODING DUE TO CULVERTS BEING FROZEN CAUSING ICE JAMS AND RUNOFF IN LOW LYING AREAS OR AREAS PRONE TO FLASH FLOODS MAKING AS THE SOIL WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ABSORB THE RAPID MELT. THIS IS A GOOD TIME TO INSPECT YOUR PROPERTY TO ENSURE YOUR GUTTERS, DOWN SPOUTS AND RUNOFF DRAINAGE ARE CLEAR. LOOK FOR FALLEN TREE BRANCHES, LEAVES AND SMALL TWIGS FROM SHRUBS THAT CAN CLOG WATER WAYS AND INCREASE FLOOD RISK WITH AN IMPROMPTU DAM, ESPECIALLY AROUND YOUR HOUSE AND WINDOW WELLS AND LOW SPOTS. IT IS ALSO A GOOD IDEA TO LOOK AT TREES AND SHRUBS AROUND THE HYDRO AND TELEPHONE LINES COMING INTO YOUR HOUSE. BROKEN BRANCHES CAN SNAP LINES CAUSING LOSS OF POWER OR FIRE HAZARDS. ANYTHING YOU CAN DO TO BE PREPARED WILL LESSEN THE DAMAGE CAUSED BY FLOODING.

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