



## *MEDIA RELEASE*

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### **Swift Current Creek Will Again See Increased Flows**

The City of Swift Current received further notice from the Saskatchewan Watershed Authority indicating another increase in the water volumes being released from the Duncairn Dam Reservoir. This planned increase in flow is intended to continue clearing the snow and ice from the Swift Current Creek channel to accommodate increased runoff at a future date as well as increase storage capacity in the Reservoir.

Clinton Molde, Regional Manager for the Saskatchewan Watershed Authority stated “earlier this week flows from the Duncairn Dam Reservoir were increased from 100 cubic feet per second (cfs) to 200 cfs and now that has increased to 300cfs. This increase is again to help speed up the process of clearing the creek channels of snow and ice. We don’t believe a significant rise in creek levels will occur however it will be beneficial as when the temperatures increase there will be larger volumes of water flowing.”

During this release, there will be fast flowing water and residents are reminded to stay safe and keep children away from the creek.

For the past seven weeks the City of Swift Current and appropriate agencies, including the Saskatchewan Watershed Authority have been meeting on a weekly basis to acquire information and develop action plans should the spring runoff result in flooding in areas throughout the city.

Mac Forster, Director of Engineering indicated that “we will continue to provide updated information as we receive it however we would like to encourage residents to take precautionary actions in terms of shoveling snow and trenching standing water away from the foundations of their homes and ensuring sump pumps are in good working condition. This will help minimize the effects of surface water runoff around homes. ”

Saskatchewan Watershed Authority and Agri-Environment Services Branch will continue to monitor inflows and water levels in Duncairn Reservoir.

The City also has sandbags and sand available free of charge at the city Service Center, located at 2074 South Service Road West, for city residents wishing to fill them for personal use around their homes.

Federal government literature on flood preparation is available at city hall should residents wish to acquire further information.

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