



## Flooding in L'Original: Champlain Township Maintains State of Emergency

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

Monday, May 8, 2017 – 2:30 p.m.

**L'ORIGINAL** – L'Original (Ontario) residents are advised that Champlain Township is maintaining its State of Emergency status until further notice due to the water level of the Ottawa River.

The Township officially declared the emergency on Sunday, May 7. Firefighters and other volunteers have been providing assistance to the affected homeowners. Montpetit and Dufour Streets are closed. The Township is closely monitoring the river's water level in collaboration with the South Nation Conservation (SNC).

Should the water level continue to rise, forcing more evacuations of riverside residents, the Township has set up a reception centre at the Chalet-abri (772 Front Road West) which will be staffed until further notice.

The Township is also offering some essential resources to affected residents: sandbags are available at the L'Original Fire Department hall (10 Elgin Street) and water is available at the Chalet-abri.

As for drinking/using water in L'Original's affected area, the Eastern Ontario Health Unit (EOHU) recommends that:

- Households in flooded areas who get their water from a municipal water treatment plant **CAN CONTINUE TO DRINK** and use their water (which is not at risk).
- Households in flooded areas who get their water from private wells **SHOULD NOT DRINK THEIR WATER**. When the flooding subsides, it needs to be tested for bacterial contamination to ensure that it is safe. (Go to this [link](#) on our municipal website to consult fact sheets to this effect.)

Champlain Township will do whatever is in its means to help affected residents and will issue further press releases as needed.

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**Information:**

Champlain Township 613.678.3003

*Champlain Township is an Eastern Ontario municipality located between Ottawa (Ontario) and Montréal (Québec) with a population of approximately 8,600 residents. Its northern border is the Ottawa River.*