



Champlain Township Declares State of Emergency

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Sunday, May 7, 2017

L'ORIGINAL – Champlain Township officially declared a state of emergency to the Province of Ontario as of 3:30 p.m. on Sunday, May 7, 2017 for flooding.

While no injuries are reported, some 20 homes in L'Original, Ontario are surrounded by water as the Ottawa River overflows. L'Original fire Chief Richard Sincennes closed two waterfront streets, Montpetit and Dufour.

Two people have been evacuated and are being cared for with the assistance of the Red Cross.

Volunteer firefighters from both Champlain Township fire halls, some of their colleagues from Hawkesbury and North Glengarry and volunteers from the community have been hard at work throughout the day filling sandbags. Shortly before 4 p.m., Glengarry-Prescott-Russell M.P. Francis Drouin personally delivered 4,000 extra bags. "We are providing whatever services we can," stated Champlain Township Mayor Gary J. Barton. "We have many volunteers helping out and we are coordinating efforts."

Mayor Barton added that if residents need assistance, they should phone the Township's main telephone line, at 613.678.3003. However, for emergencies, citizens are reminded to call 911.

Champlain Township continues to closely monitor this situation and updates will be provided on a regular basis.

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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.