# **River Breakup 2021 Preparedness**

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# Overview

- Supports
- Structural versus Non-Structural Mitigation
  - Permanent Berm Construction
  - Underground Infrastructure Improvements
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  - Sandbag Program
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# Supports

**Contractors and Consultants** 

- AECOM
- Associated Engineering
- Hatfield Consultants
- Hydra International Ltd.
- IBI Group
- McMurray Aviation
- Stantec Inc.
- Urban Systems

- Wilco Contractors Northwest Inc.
- WSP Global Inc.

### **Oil Sands Community Alliance**

- Civeo Corporation
- Imperial Oil Ltd. (Esso)
- Suncor Energy Inc.
- Syncrude Canada Ltd.

# Supports

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- ATCO Ltd.
- Canadian Red Cross
- Government of Alberta
- Insurance Bureau of Canada
- Institute for Catastrophic Loss Reduction
- Lloyd's of Canada

# **Structural versus Non-Structural Mitigation**

### <u>Structural</u>

- Berms
- Dams
- Floodways

#### Non-Structural

- Raising structures
- Land use planning and zoning
- Acquisitions and relocation

# **Structural versus Non-Structural Mitigation**

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#### <u>Active</u>

- Ice breaking
- Storm sewer sluice gates



### Passive

- Retaining Walls
- Berms





- Flood Mitigation Program focuses on berms for structural mitigation
- Construction planned to 1:200 year elevation of 250.4 m, with 0.5 m of freeboard

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Longboat Landing Pedestrian Pathway Engagement:

- December 15, 2020 to February 15, 2021
- 81 surveys completed
- 64% indicated support for the pathway
- 25% did not support the pathway
- 11% responded other
- 59 respondents provided additional comments

Berm construction remains the priority

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• Reach 7 construction commences in 2021



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 Reach 9 construction concluded in 2020

#### <u>Objectives:</u>

- 1. Consistent Flood Protection Standard
- 2. Comprehensive Flood Protection System
- 3. Inspection and Maintenance Program
- Water Treatment Plant Preparedness (previously reported)
- Outfalls, Valves, Automation and Maintenance
- Outfalls, Manholes and Culverts
- Passageways and Exit Points
- TaigaNova, Wastewater Treatment Plant and Longboat Landing
- Lift Stations and Booster Stations

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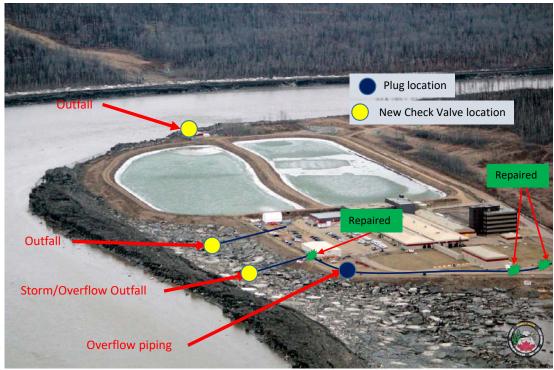
### Water Treatment Plant Preparedness – Outfalls and Valves

#### **Complete**

- Outfall sluice gate
- Clear wells overflow flap gates #

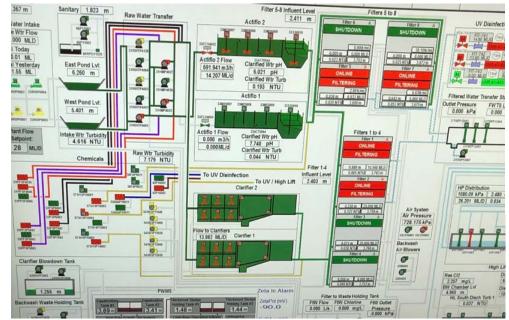
#### Spring 2021

 Temporary plug at overflow piping



#### Water Treatment Plant Preparedness – Automation

- Enhanced monitoring and alarm systems
- Automation of shut down following turbidity alarm in clearwells



Water Treatment Control Room System SCADA (Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition)

#### Underground Infrastructure Improvements (continued)

# Water Treatment Plant Preparedness – Isolation Valve Maintenance Program

- In July 2020 divers complete maintenance on valves and piping
- Buildup of precipitate on the fittings, fixtures, and valves prevented isolation of the bypass and clearwells, attributed to 2016 Wildfire
- January 2021 inspection revealed no build up



Precipitate found on the isolation valves in July 2020, with a sledgehammer for scale reference

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### **Outfalls, Manholes and Culverts**

- Flap gates at each outfall will be inspected and adjusted (if required)
- Riverside manhole covers will be replaced with watertight covers
- Cover inserts will be installed in higher elevation manholes
- Culverts will be plugged and blocked



This image shows a manhole insert to prevent river water from entering the system

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### **Passageways and Exit Points**

- Temporary plugs to be installed
- Storm water will be managed with pumps
- Sanitary bypass pumping will be setup in preparation of river breakup
- Sanitary bypassing pumping will only be required if river water enters the sanitary system
- Smaller networks will use hydro-vac trucks to manage sanitary flows



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This images shows a pump
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# TaigaNova Eco-Industrial Park, Wastewater Treatment Plant and Longboat Landing

- Mitigate any exfiltration from the effluent manholes at the Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP)
- Limit river water from entering Longboat Landing through a plug and pump program



Sanitary manholes location South of TaigaNova

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### Lift Stations and Booster Stations

- Using sandbags to limit flood water at all access ways and generators
- Closing isolation valves at station capacity
- Reviewing Emergency Response Plans
- Incorporating Lessons Learned
- WWTP emergency response plan to address impacts of river flood



Fort McMurray Sanitary Lift Station

- Located where permanent mitigation is not complete and temporary clay berms could not be constructed
- Set-up and removal timeline
- Anticipated road closures

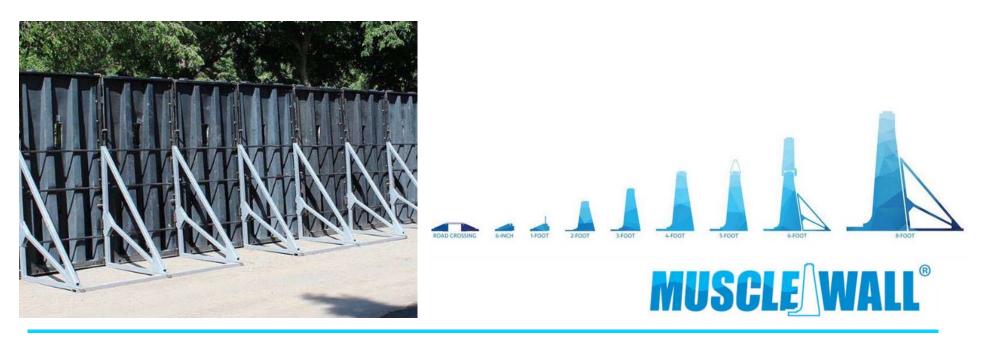




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#### **Muscle Walls**

• Rapid deployment portable retaining walls



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### **Triple Dams**

- Durable, flexible, water filled bags
- Up to 3.8 m high and 7.0 m wide
- Set back from the river and ice due to topography, slopes, and vegetation

### Sandbag Program

- Intended to help property owners enhance flood defenses
- Distribution location shown below; drop-off location to be determined
- COVID protocols in place





# Ice Breaking and Dredging

- Supplemental mitigation to berm construction
- Ongoing research
- Provincial and federal legislative requirements
- Explored in 2017



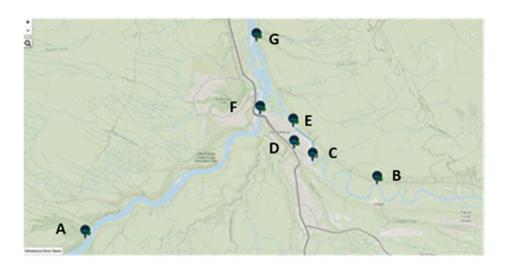
### **Emergency Management**

- Multi-departmental and agency collaboration
- Rehearsal Of Concepts (ROC)
- Updated Emergency Social Services (ESS) Plan and Community Emergency Management Plans (CEMPs)
- RMWB Alertable app



## **River Monitoring**

- Collaboration with Alberta Environment and Parks
- Continuous visual and electronic monitoring
- Alberta Rivers mobile application





### **Financial Investment**



- \$44 million budget for 2021
- \$63 million planned through 2023
- All berms will be built to the 1:200 year flood elevation level of 250.9 m as directed by Council
- \$18 million commitment from Federal and Provincial governments

### **Next Steps**

- Ongoing collaboration
- Continued insurance advocacy
- 2021 timelines
- Community Townhall on Thursday, March 18 at 6:00 p.m.
- rmwb.ca/riverbreakup

# **Thank You**