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KICKING HORSE RIVER ICE JAM UPDATE #5

The third large ice floe now lodged in the Kicking Horse River with its leading edge just upstream from the college continues to force water seepage through the dyke in several places.

The municipal campground and a portion of 9th Avenue South from the curling rink parking lot to the campground entrance have been flooded and continue to receive seepage. Crews and equipment are working to contain the water and route it into existing drainage infrastructure as well as pump it back into the main river channel.

There is no threat to the high school or any other infrastructure at this time. Parking and school bus services have been moved to the arena parking lot and 9th Avenue South will remain closed to all traffic beyond the arena until further notice.

An excavator is working to maintain a channel of running water adjacent to the dyke to alleviate seepage and assist the river in re-establishing a continuous flow.

The slight warming trend expected this week is hoped to assist the river to maintain and stabilize a channel through the ice.

Monitoring of the river will continue as any large scale swings in temperatures could result in a change of conditions and renewed preparations for any potential threats.

Public safety remains a priority and people are encouraged to keep a safe distance from the Kicking Horse River as sudden movements of ice and materials within the river are very possible and unpredictable.

Additional updates will be provided as the situation changes.

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