Information Release

June 7, 2023 - 11:30 am

This Information Release is to provide an update on the current situation that began on June 4, 2023, with the Township of Greater Madawaska Fire Department responding to a call regarding a fire located on an island on Centennial Lake in the Matawatchan area which then expanded to shore, affecting approximately 45 hectares of land.

TOWNSHIP UPDATES:

- The precautionary evacuation order is still in effect until June 9, 2023, 3:00pm, pending any situational changes. Further evacuation orders are not expected at this time. The current orders are for the following areas:

    * Black Mountain Estate, Little Bay Lane, Airds Lake Rd (behind Snider's Tent and Trailer Park), Snider's Tent and Trailer Park (271 Airds Lake Rd)

- Crews have fire hoses flanking the fire area and are working on fire suppression on hot spots and preventative measures around the perimeters of the burnt area.

- MNR Helicopter is on site, dropping water on hot spots.

- Neighbouring Fire Departments are still assisting.

- Volunteers from the public are not required at this time.

Residents that require assistance during this time related the wildfire should contact the Township office during regular office hours 8:30 am - 4:00 pm, after hours please forward concerns by email to cao@greatermadawaska.com or by phone 613-752-2261.

The Township remains in a LEVEL 2 FIRE BAN - no burning of any kind and no fireworks

It remains critical that residents and by-standers remain clear of the scene to allow our teams to do the work they need!

Any situational changes that develop between updates will be released as soon as possible to the residents.

For Updates

Township Website:
https://www.greatermadawaska.com/en/index.aspx
Township Facebook Page
https://www.facebook.com/TownshipofGreaterMadawaska/
Municipal 511 – Road Closure Information
https://www.municipal511.ca/
Ministry of Natural Resources Fire Map
https://www.lioapplications.lrc.gov.on.ca/ForestFireInformationMap/index.html?viewer=FFIM.FFIM