



For Immediate Release  
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## **Emergency Update 6 – Tuesday July 8**

The Emergency Operations Centre operated from Sunday afternoon, following the Declaration of State of Emergency in Yorkton, until 4 pm Wednesday. Staff handled hundreds of calls regarding water problems, assistance and emergency accommodation, and are to be commended for their hard work and dedication to duty.

A special mention needs to be made to our Public Works department. It was their prompt attention and recognition of the potential danger facing the city which provided us time to call in staff and hit the ground running in this serious situation. Their hard work in pumping and diverting water away from the sewage system contributed greatly to reducing damage in the city.

Our Retention Pond system put in place after the 2010 flood performed admirably, preventing what would have been much more widespread damage in the city from overland storm water flooding. The Storm Water System is now back to normal, although the Sanitary System is still running at near capacity.

The project to renew the infrastructure along Dracup and York Road will begin later this month and is scheduled to be completed by Fall. This will greatly alleviate the bottleneck in the sanitary system we experienced during this storm.

**PDAP:** As of Tuesday morning, some 630 Provincial Disaster Assistance Program (PDAP) Claim Forms had been picked up at City Hall.

### **Flood Relief Dumpsters Available until July 14**

The four flood relief dumpsters will be available in the city until July 14<sup>th</sup>. All flood related debris must be transported to the dumpsters or to the landfill. Regular landfill fees apply.

The dumpsters are located at:

- St. Paul's School
- MC Knoll School

- Public Works Yard on York Rd.
- Park Street (north of the Water Tower)

**The list of businesses/contractors for remediation purposes** is published on our website and is also available at the City Hall Building Services Department.

### **Regional Flood Recovery Centre - Yorkton and Surrounding Area**

#### **July 18 - 20**

The Government of Saskatchewan is opening a regional flood recovery centre in Yorkton to provide onsite access to information, programs and services for those affected by recent flooding events. Anyone who is experiencing any flood issues is welcome to come to the Centres including residents, small businesses, agricultural operations, communal organizations, nonprofit organizations, parks and communities in general.

The Regional Flood Recovery Centre will include representatives from:

- Emergency Management and Fire Safety,
- Building Standards,
- The Provincial Disaster Assistance Program (PDAP),
- The Ministries of Social Services, Health, Agriculture, and Environment,
- SaskPower and SaskEnergy,
- The Water Security Agency including the Emergency Flood Reduction Damage Program,
- The Canadian Red Cross, and
- Other Non Government Organizations.

For further information, please access visit the Government of Saskatchewan flood response page at <http://gr.gov.sk.ca/Flood>.

#### **Location:**

- **Gallagher Centre - Nexera Flexihall**  
455 Broadway Street W.  
Yorkton, SK

#### **Dates and Times:**

- **Friday July 18, 2014 – 12:00 noon to 9:00pm**
- **Saturday July 19, 2014 – 10:00am to 8:00pm**
- **Sunday July 20, 2014 – 10:00am to 8:00pm**

The State of Emergency continues until further notice.

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