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## **Press Release/Flood Watch May 16, 2017**

At the May 15<sup>th</sup> meeting of Brighton Council, staff was instructed by Council to increase their efforts to assist residents who are protecting their homes from the Lake Ontario flood waters.

Over the next few days staff, along with volunteer firefighters from Brighton and our neighbouring communities will deploy to areas of Gosport, Shoal Point Road and Harbour Street. They will work with homeowners to secure the considerable work already in place to protect their homes from floodwater. Sand and bags will be available at Public Works at 67 Sharp Road, as well as various points on the waterfront for home owners and volunteers to fill and use bags to protect their homes.

Lake levels are predicted to continue to rise in the coming weeks and many more homes could potentially be affected. Brighton staff will monitor lake levels and updates from the Lower Trent Conservation Authority to anticipate problems and further refine our plan.

Should the levels rise significantly in the coming weeks the Municipality of Brighton may be required to put a call out for volunteers to assist with sandbagging to protect additional homes.

Individual homeowners who have concerns or questions may contact the municipality at 613-967-8707 to arrange an assessment of their property. As noted above sand and bags will be available at 67 Sharp Road as well as various locations in the affected areas of the waterfront.