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Municipality of Brighton would like to thank the Volunteer firefighters from Port Hope, Cobourg, Trent Hills Alnwick/ Haldimand and Hamilton Township and our local Brighton Volunteers for their efforts last night helping with sandbagging. In particular, we appreciate the advice and assistance of Trent Hills fire department.

During the day, 18 Municipal staff worked to reinforce sand bag barriers and filling sand bags on Elgin Street, Price Street, Queen Street/Lambton and Bay Streets in Gosport, as well as Harbour Street.

Last evening, 45 volunteers from the fire services listed above, worked on Harbour, Price, Lambton and Queen Streets. The Municipality feels that at the present level of flooding, Gosport is secure. Our focus now is to review and access the shoreline where our efforts can benefit homeowners. Areas of focus are the west shore, Shoal Point and Ontario street.

The efforts of municipal staff and volunteers are concentrated on protecting permanent homes, not accessory buildings, docks, gardens or other parts of properties. At present the lake levels appear stable, however south westerly winds may impact lake levels over the next 24 hours.

Sandbags and sand will continue to be available at 67 Sharp Road, Gosport, Shoal Point, Ontario Street and Greenway Circle.

IF you wish to volunteer to help, call the Fire Department as 613-475-1744. You may also call this number to have fire department staff assess your flood risk. To report after hours' issues, call the Public Works emergency line at 613-967-8707.

Further information on dealing with floodwater is available on the Municipal website, including links to the local Health Unit and Northumberland County, to further assist residents. We also encourage people not involved in the sandbagging efforts to stay clear of the area and also that boaters avoid the area as the wake from boats causes additional problems.

Further updates will be made available in the next 24 hour or as conditions change.