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Over the last 24 hours:

The lake level rose slightly due to surge from southerly winds

All sandbag barriers held and no significant further flooding occurred.

Municipal staff and volunteers worked at Shoal Point, Gosport and Greenway Circle to reinforce and provide additional protection of homes.

Last evening about 30 volunteer firefighters from across the county again assisted Brighton firefighters, reinforcing and sandbagging in affected areas.

Presently about 25 homes are being protected from flood waters by sandbag barriers.

There are 8 pumps, supplied by the municipality, other jurisdictions and local businesses, maintaining water levels in protected areas. They are being operated by local volunteers.

Efforts thus far have kept almost all residents in their homes.

As of this morning conditions are relatively stable and staff and volunteers continue to monitor the situation.

Sand bags and sand are available in Gosport, the west Lakeshore area, Shoal Point, Ontario Street and at 67 Sharp Road.

Friday morning reporting on lake level forecasts will help us determine what future actions may be necessary and our plan will be adjusted accordingly.

To arrange an inspection/ assessment of your property or to volunteer for sandbagging please call **613-475-1744**.

To report emergencies after hours please call **613-967-8707**.

Further information is available on the Municipality of Brighton Website.

The Municipality of Brighton discourages drivers from driving through the area as it is very disruptive to sandbagging and pumping operations.

The Municipality of Brighton thanks the volunteer firefighters from across the county and the many volunteers who have contributed to the sandbagging effort.

In the coming weeks staff will consider the longer term consequences of the flooding and develop a clean up plan.