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## **Press Release/Flood Watch** May 19, 2017 11:20 a.m.

Over the last 24 hours:

The lake level has remained stable, Greenway circle area did suffer some issues related to heavy winds and large waves.

All sandbag barriers held have continued to hold.

Municipal staff and volunteers worked at Shoal Point, Gosport and Greenway Circle to maintain barriers and protect homes.

Almost all residents in effected areas remain 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.

Reports from the Conservation Authority indicate that the high water levels are stable, other agencies report that small increases are possible over the next three weeks. Low lying areas will remain susceptible to storm surges and wave action.

Staff will continue to monitor low areas and homes at risk and existing sand bag barriers.

To arrange an inspection/ assessment of your property please call **613-475-1744**. We do not anticipate an immediate need for additional volunteers for sandbagging at this time.

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

Further information is available on the Municipality of Brighton Website:

<http://www.brighton.ca/>

The Municipality of Brighton discourages drivers from driving through the area as it is very disruptive to sandbagging and pumping operations. The local boat launches have been closed until further notice to protect the safety of boaters and others in the area.

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