



Public Notice

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NEW SIGNPOST CAUTIONS PUBLIC OF BOATING DIRECTLY UPSTREAM OF FLOODWAY INLET STRUCTURE

Other Public Safety Measures Under Consideration

Winnipeg, MB – To improve navigational safety for users of the Red River, the Manitoba Floodway Authority (MFA) has established a temporary signpost to caution boaters about travel in the vicinity directly upstream of the floodway inlet control structure.

“The sign will help to enhance navigational safety for users on the Red River,” said Ernie Gilroy, CEO of the MFA. “It is critical that boaters continue to exercise caution in the vicinity of the floodway inlet control structure. This sign will help to reinforce this important safety message.”

Since the completion of the floodway in 1968, there has not been an accident regarding waterway users and the floodway inlet structure. “We want to ensure that we maintain this good safety record long into the future,” said Gilroy.

The signpost reads “**Danger: No Boat Traffic Beyond this Point**” as an alert to boat traffic directly upstream of the floodway inlet structure. The warning is located just south of the floodway channel inlet on Red River Drive. The notice will be posted whenever there is a potential for the floodway to be operated.

MFA is presently considering other ongoing navigational safety measures including the permanent placement of signs along the Red River, at the inlet and outlet control structures, and at the Seine River Siphon to alert users throughout the year.

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