

**TOWN OF TRURO DEVELOPING AN ONLINE TOOL TO  
ASSESS AREAS OF FLOODING IN TRURO**

Truro, NS – August 21, 2023 – The Town of Truro, Department of Public Works and Engineering, will soon be asking residents to identify areas of flooding and emergency hazards associated with significant rainfall events to collect data that will assist with the Town’s stormwater management and emergency response planning. This will help the Town identify where stormwater infrastructure investments need to be considered and how to enhance emergency preparedness across the Town, with a focus on key areas or neighbourhoods of concern.

“An online assessment tool is currently being developed where residents will be able to submit information related to flooding and water retention that have impacted their properties over the past year,” said Andrew MacKinnon, Director of Public Works and Engineering. “Events of the last year, such as Hurricane Fiona and the two most recent significant rainfall events, were unprecedented, but we understand that significant events from climate change will continue to impact our community, and we are therefore collecting local data to better prepare ourselves as we move forward.”

The online tool is expected to be available in September or October. It will allow residents to fill out pertinent data and provide photos of flooding and related damage to their properties that they’ve experienced over the past year. This will give the Town an opportunity to see where significant flooding is being experienced. Data will be analyzed and mapped, and the aggregate data will be presented to Town Council later this year.

Meanwhile, staff are working to enhance the stormwater management design of some neighbourhood systems, such as the Doggett’s Brook drainage basin near Harris Drive, where significant flooding has occurred.

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