

Flood Outlook

I thought we might all welcome a break from thinking about COVID 19 and instead think about flooding! The Province's Hydrologic Forecast Centre has just released its March Flood Outlook which is available at https://www.gov.mb.ca/mit/floodinfo/pdf/2020/march_2020_flood_outlook_report.pdf. At the moment, it appears that the risk of major spring flooding overall is low, with some exceptions. Above normal -to-high soil moisture levels were present last year when the ground froze and above-normal precipitation south of the border could result in major flooding in the Red River Valley once the snow starts to melt. The report states that Southern and southeastern Manitoba are currently at risk for moderate flooding, as is the Whiteshell area whereas the Assiniboine, Souris, Qu'Appelle and Saskatchewan Rivers are at risk of minor flooding. The risk of flooding is low in most other regions of the province including the Interlake region. The map below is current as of April 2, 2020.

This could all change if we are hit with snowstorms or heavy rains before spring melt (as we are in fact currently experiencing!). Updated flood maps (such as the one below) and information can be found at <https://www.gov.mb.ca/mit/floodinfo/index.html>

