RM of Lac du Bonnet declares State of Local Emergency due to soil drifting and heavy rains

State of Local Emergency in effect for all RM lands west of PTH #11.

June 16, 2026: The Rural Municipality of Lac du Bonnet has declared a State of Local Emergency (SoLE) due to a combination of significant soil drifting events, impaired drainage infrastructure, recent heavy rainfall, and forecasted precipitation that threatens to cause widespread flooding.

The SoLE exists for all lands within the RM of Lac du Bonnet west of Provincial Trunk Highway #11.

Rainfall events this month have overwhelmed local and provincial drains, resulting in flooding and water backing up onto private agricultural lands and causing damage to farmland and crops. Significant additional rainfall is forecast in the coming days and weeks, creating an increased risk that the existing drainage system will be unable to accommodate additional runoff, resulting in further flooding, widespread crop losses, damage to private property, and impacts to municipal infrastructure.

The broader public need not take any action at this time. No roads within the RM are currently flooded and no orders are in effect.

The purpose of declaring a SoLE is to allow for immediate action to mitigate the risk of further flooding, protect critical municipal infrastructure, and safeguard agricultural operations and private property within the affected area.

During a SoLE, the RM has authority to use various powers if necessary to prevent or limit loss of life and damage to property or the environment, including:

- Cause emergency plans to be implemented;
- Authorize or require any qualified person to render aid of such type as that person may be qualified to provide;
- Authorize the entry into any building, or upon any land without warrant;
- Cause the demolition or removal of any trees, structure, or crops in order to prevent, combat, or alleviate the effects of an emergency or a disaster;
- Expend such sums as are necessary to pay expenses caused by the emergency or disaster.

RM asks impacted landowners to report damage

The RM understands that the recent heavy rainfall may have caused damage to some properties in our community, and we ask landowners and agricultural producers to report any damage to our municipal office as soon as possible. Reports can be made by phone at 204-345-2998 or by email at pwdirector@lacdubonnet.com.

The RM will conduct a site inspection and if impact is confirmed, will add the property to locations requiring remediation.

The SoLE is set to expire on July 14, but could be lifted earlier depending on conditions.

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