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City Advises Residents to Prepare for Spring Runoff

With Spring just around the corner, the City of Prince Albert would like to advise residents that efforts should be made by homeowners to create appropriate drainage in their yards before and during the spring runoff season.

“Water that is not effectively drained away from a house has the potential to cause flooding and serious damage to basements,” stated Colin Innes, Director of Public Works for the City of Prince Albert. “Effort should be made to ensure melting snow from the roof and the ground surrounding the home is draining away from the house and onto City streets.”

Residents should particularly watch for water that is running down the foundation of a house or standing water that pools on the ground.

Things to consider when preparing for the spring runoff:

- Roof drains should be cleared of ice and other obstructions to ensure melting snow flows properly and is not spilling over.
- Water should be drained at least 6 feet from outside walls and should run onto land that allows it to flow away from the house.
- Where possible, snow should be shoveled away from basement window sills.
- Ice ridges and snow build-up on the ground that is stopping water from draining onto City streets should be removed.

It is also important for residents to be considerate of their neighbors and prevent water from being drained onto their neighbors' property.

The City is not responsible for meltwater issues resulting from snow that has accumulated on private property, but high risk areas have been identified in the City, and the City will respond if water from City streets or lanes is posing a direct threat to property. Residents experiencing significant water pooling problems on their street can call the Public Works Department at 953-4900.

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