



The Crowe Valley Conservation Authority has issued the following **FLOOD OUTLOOK STATEMENT** effective immediately, **3 May 2017**.

Rising water levels and flows due to recent significant rainfall amounts coupled with forecasted precipitation in the next 48 hours will cause levels and flows to continue to rise. The potential for flooding risks will increase as a result of the expected weather conditions. As a result, the CVCA flood forecasting and monitoring staff has issued a FLOOD OUTLOOK STATEMENT for the entire Crowe Valley watershed.

Once again, municipalities, emergency services and individuals in flood prone areas should be **prepared** to take the necessary steps to initiate steps to fight potential flooding. The Crowe River, Beaver Creek and North River continue to rise along with all of the monitored lakes in the watershed.

Increased flows and levels will also put additional pressure on beaver dams and could lead to unexpected failures and flash flooding causing damage to roadways and residents personal property.

Increased flows and water levels on lakes, rivers and their tributaries are hazardous. Ditches or small creeks and streams can be extremely dangerous at this time of year as they can swell quickly and the water temperatures are still cold enough to induce hypothermia. Parents need to inform their children of these conditions and ensure they stay away and stay safe during this elongated period of spring freshet conditions. All watershed residents need to be aware of high water conditions and avoid slippery banks where footing can be unstable.

WATER FLOWS ARE INCREASING RAPIDLY. THEREFORE, THE CVCA URGES EVERYONE, ESPECIALLY CHILDREN TO STAY AWAY FROM ALL DAMS, WEIRS, HYDRO GENERATING PLANTS, BRIDGES AND THE SLIPPERY SLOPES OF RIVERS AND THEIR TRIBUTARIES. SPRINGTIME CONDITIONS ON WATERCOURSES CAN EASILY CREATE DANGEROUS SITUATIONS CAUSING HARM OR DROWNING ACCIDENTS LEADING TO FATALITIES.

CVCA staff will continue to monitor levels and flows daily and this **Flood Outlook** will be updated as conditions warrant. If there are any questions or concerns, contact Tim Pidduck, CVCA General Manager or Neil McConkey, Water Resources Supervisor at 613-472-3137. The CVCA includes portions of the municipalities of Trent Hills, Stirling-Rawdon, Marmora and Lake, Havelock-Belmont-Methuen, North Kawartha, Wollaston, Limerick, Tudor and Cashel, Faraday and Highlands East.

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