



Crowe Valley
C o n s e r v a t i o n

P.O Box 416, 70 Hughes Lane
Marmora, ON
KOK 2M0

Phone: 613-472-3137
Fax: 613-472-5516
www.crowevalley.com

The Crowe Valley Conservation Authority has issued the following **FLOOD OUTLOOK STATEMENT** effective immediately, **28 February 2017**.

Due to rising water levels and flows recorded by the Crowe Valley Conservation Authority in the past 24 hour period coupled with forecasted rainfall in the next 48 hours, the CVCA flood forecasting and monitoring staff has issued a **FLOOD OUTLOOK STATEMENT** for the entire Crowe Valley Watershed.

The potential for flooding has increased significantly as levels and flows continue to rise. Municipalities, emergency services and individuals in flood prone areas should be **prepared** to take the necessary steps to initiate steps to fight potential flooding. Warmer than seasonal average temperatures, significant snow in the northern reaches of the watershed, past rainfall and forecasted rainfall is having an immediate impact on levels and flows. The Crowe River, Beaver Creek and North River continue to rise along with all of the monitored lakes in the watershed.

In addition to the flooding hazard, ice on lakes will continue to deteriorate, however, no ice jams causing flooding are reported at this time. 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. Ice will be worn away or thinned to hazardous conditions especially near shorelines and on watercourses where fast flowing water is prevalent. Even ditches or small creeks and streams can be extremely dangerous at this time of year as they continue to swell. Parents need to inform their children of these conditions and ensure they stay away and stay safe during spring freshet conditions. All watershed residents need to be aware of conditions and are advised to stay off of the ice on rivers and streams and avoid slippery banks where footing can be unstable.

THEREFORE, THE CVCA URGES EVERYONE, ESPECIALLY CHILDREN TO STAY AWAY FROM ALL DAMS, WEIRS, HYDRO GENERATING PLANTS, BRIDGES. SPRINGTIME CONDITIONS ON WATERCOURSES CAN EASILY CREATE DANGEROUS SITUATIONS CAUSING HARM OR DROWNING ACCIDENTS LEADING TO FATALITIES.

STAY AWAY FROM ICE COVERED SURFACES, DITCHES AND TRIBUTARIES – WATER FLOWS ARE INCREASING RAPIDLY.

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.

-end-
