



The Crowe Valley Conservation Authority is issuing the following Watershed Conditions Statement - Water Safety effective immediately, 10 April 2019 and will remain in effect until 17 April 2019.

WATER CONDITIONS STATEMENT – Water Safety

Due to the recent rainfall, snowmelt and the forecasted higher temperatures, high flows are expected throughout the Crowe Valley watershed. ***No flooding is anticipated in the next 72 hour period.*** Water levels and flows throughout the CVCA watershed continue to rise due to snowmelt and recent precipitation. This trend is expected to continue due to the snowpack in the northern half of the CVCA watershed.

Flows around dams and hydro generation plants have increased and the ice thinning could be severe for a considerable distance from the dam. Structures such as culverts and bridges with fast flowing water going through or underneath them must be avoided as well. Ice which was used recreationally will begin to wear away and may not be safe. CVCA staff strongly advise residents, especially children stay away from these dangerous zones.

Hypothermia is also a threat for anyone who ignores the warnings and either falls through the ice or into open water. Avoid banks of rivers and streams where snow and ice make slippery or unstable walking conditions which could lead to accidentally falling into water.

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.

CVCA staff will continue to monitor levels and flows daily as per normal operations and this Watershed Conditions Statement 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
