



The Crowe Valley Conservation Authority is issuing the following **FLOOD WATCH UPDATE** effective immediately, **11 April 2023 at 11:30 am** and will remain in effect until 14 April 2023 unless updated prior to this date and time.

FLOOD WATCH

Water levels and flows throughout the Crowe Valley watershed are slowly peaking from the precipitation received last week. The snowpack continues to melt and provide additional input into the watershed. Lakes such as Belmont and Crowe and the lower portion of Crowe River from Marmora to the Trent Severn system have yet to peak, however the rate of increase remains very slow, indicating a peak should occur in the next 24 to 48 hour period.

The **FLOOD WATCH** for the entire watershed will remain in effect as extremely high day and night time temperatures are forecasted in the next 5 day period beginning on the 11th of April. These weather conditions will slow the rate of decline from the high water levels and flows experienced in the past 48 hours and will extend the spring freshet period due to snowmelt, especially from the northern reaches of the Crowe watershed.

Municipalities, emergency services and individuals in flood prone areas should continue to be vigilant and prepared to take the necessary steps to contend with the current situation. Unexpected events such as beaver dams failing could easily create isolated pockets of flooding or washout roads.

In addition to the flooding hazard, ice on lakes will continue to deteriorate, however, no ice jams causing flooding are reported at this time.

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 LEVELS AND FLOWS REMAIN HIGH.

CVCA staff will continue to monitor levels and flows daily and this **Flood Watch** will be updated daily or 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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