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The Crowe Valley Conservation Authority is issuing the following FLOOD WATCH effective immediately, **17April 2019**.

## **FLOOD WATCH**

Predicted rainfall in the next 72 hour period, coupled with a saturated watershed and a rapidly melting snowpack in the northern reaches of the Crowe Valley watershed has resulted in conditions that warrant the issuance of a **FLOOD WATCH** for the entire watershed. The Crowe Valley Conservation Authority flood forecasting and monitoring staff have confirmed current levels and flows will increase toward thresholds where flooding can be expected in low lying areas.

A **FLOOD WATCH** is issued for the entire Crowe Valley watershed. The potential for flooding will increase significantly once the snowmelt, warm temperatures and the predicted rainfall combine in the next 72 hours. Forecasted precipitation starting Wednesday night and continuing for the next 72 hours will immediately put additional pressure on the already saturated Crowe watershed and its tributaries. Municipalities, emergency services and individuals in flood prone areas should be prepared to take the necessary steps such as sandbagging to fight potential flooding. The Crowe River, Beaver Creek and North River will 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.

Increased flows and water levels on lakes, rivers and their tributaries are hazardous. Parents need to inform their children of these conditions.

**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 LEVELS AND FLOWS ARE INCREASING RAPIDLY.**

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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