



The following **Watershed Conditions Statement** has been released on the **19th of July, 2017** by the Crowe Valley Conservation Authority to provide an update of current conditions.

WATER CONDITIONS STATEMENT – WATER SAFETY

Crowe Valley Conservation Authority staff continue to record and observe significant increases in lake levels and river flows throughout the watershed due to heavy rains in portions of the Crowe Valley watershed early this week. Recorded flows throughout the watershed and especially in the southern section of the Crowe River are significantly higher than normal for this time of year. Levels will continue to remain high for the foreseeable future and may be prolonged if additional rainfall is received. Current weather patterns indicate there is a high probability this may occur.

Fortunately, no flooding is anticipated at this time. However, CVCA reminds the public to exercise extreme caution around all water bodies and to stay away from all water control structures including hydro plants. Parents need to inform their children of the dangers of the fast flowing water. Banks adjacent to rivers and creeks could be slippery and when combined with current high flow conditions, could pose a serious hazard. Well known swimming areas such as Crowe Bridge Conservation Area is closed due to high flows which could sweep even strong swimmers downstream. Therefore, it is especially crucial children and pets avoid rivers, streams and creeks with high flows. Water flowing through culverts may also be extremely dangerous and should be avoided.

All residents and visitors to the CVCA watershed should also pay attention to conditions. Should a beaver dam unexpectedly fail, the water it releases can easily wash out a road in a very short period of time. Be alert when driving in the area.

CVCA staff will continue to monitor levels and flows daily 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.