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The Crowe Valley Conservation Authority is issuing the following **FLOOD WATCH** effective immediately, **25 September 2021** and will remain in effect until **29 September 2021** unless updated prior to this date and time.

## **FLOOD WATCH**

The rainfall received over a three day period from 22<sup>nd</sup> to the 24<sup>th</sup> of September in the Crowe Valley watershed has resulted in conditions that warrant the issuance of a **FLOOD WATCH** for the southern reaches of the watershed. This includes *Crowe Lake, Beaver Creek and the stretch of the Crowe river from the Marmora dam to the outlet of the Crowe River into the Trent River watershed.* Crowe Valley Conservation Authority flood forecasting and monitoring staff have confirmed current levels and flows will continue to increase in these areas toward thresholds where flooding is possible. In addition, flows and levels have also exceeded normal for this time of the year across the northern reaches of the watershed.

*Municipalities, emergency services and individuals in flood prone areas should be prepared to take the necessary steps such as sandbagging to fight potential flooding.* 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 and ensure they stay away and stay safe during the aftermath of this period of heavy rainfall. All watershed residents need to be aware of rising water levels which results in higher than normal conditions.

Flows around dams and hydro generation plants have or will be increasing substantially. Structures such as culverts and bridges with fast flowing water going through or underneath them must be avoided as well. CVCA staff strongly advise residents, especially children stay away from these dangerous zones.

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