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The Crowe Valley Conservation Authority is issuing the following **WATERSHED CONDITIONS STATEMENT** – effective immediately, **Thursday 26 April 2018**.

WATER CONDITIONS STATEMENT – FLOOD OUTLOOK

Precipitation received in the last 24 hours will have an immediate impact on lake levels, stream and river flows throughout the Crowe Valley Conservation Authority watershed in the next 24 to 72 hours. Levels and flows will continue in an upward trend.

The peak of this rainfall event and how severe flooding could become will be dependent on the combination of current high flows in the watershed, the melting snow, how much ground is still frozen, warmer temperatures and the amount of precipitation received in the 48 hour period. Therefore, at the very least, there is potential for minor flooding in flood prone areas of the Crowe Valley watershed.

Increased flows, warmer temperatures and rain will continue to thin ice and extend open water around dams and hydro generation plants. 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 or walked on only days ago will begin to wear away and may not be safe, especially where currents have begun to erode the ice from underneath.

Banks along streams and rivers will be slippery or potentially unstable and could lead to accidently falling into water. Smaller tributaries such as streams, creeks and ditches with fast flowing water must be avoided to eliminate exposure to hazardous conditions. Hypothermia is also a threat for anyone who ignores the warnings and either falls through the ice or into open water. CVCA staff strongly advise residents, especially children stay away from these dangerous zones. Parents, please keep your children safe.

The Crowe Valley Conservation Authority has issued this Water Conditions Statement to inform the public of current water levels, flows and changing ice conditions.

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.