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CVCA Low Water Response Team Declares Normal Water Conditions

The Crowe Valley Conservation Authority Low Water Response Team (LWRT) has recently reviewed current precipitation and flow conditions in the Crowe Valley watershed. As a result of the analysis, a return to normal water has been declared. There is no Low Water Response level in effect.

According to the Ontario Low Water Response (OLWR) Program, a low water condition is declared when a watershed receives 80% or less of the normal amount of precipitation over a 3-month period or if streamflow reaches 70% or less of the average over a 1-month period.

Continuous dry conditions were observed in the Crowe Valley watershed since July of this year. Precipitation data collected at the CVCA's gauge in the upper portion of the watershed indicates that the rainfall average for this period of October, November, and December is nearing the 3-month historical average. The current 3-month average for precipitation in the northern part of the watershed is 88% of the average.

Precipitation and streamflow indicators are pointing towards a strong recovery in our watershed, and no precautions are needed at this time. The CVCA will continue to track flow and precipitation as well as monitor lake levels daily on lakes with water control structures.

The affected municipalities include portions of the Municipality of Trent Hills, Stirling-Rawdon, Marmora and Lake, Havelock-Belmont-Methuen, North Kawartha, Wollaston, Limerick, Tudor and Cashel, Faraday and Highlands East. Included in these municipalities are the Village of Marmora, Havelock and the Hamlet of Coe Hill.

Water users are encouraged to monitor conditions and watch for updated advisories. CVCA staff will continue to monitor rainfall and streamflow data and keep the public informed of any changes in watershed conditions through the CVCA website (www.crowevalley.com), media, municipal newsletters, and social media outlets.

Working in partnership with the Ministry of Natural Resources and local stakeholders representing key water-use sectors, the Crowe Valley Low Water Response Team will determine if any further course of action is needed. The Conservation Authority will continue to provide the necessary data to monitor the low water situation and provide updated information to the LWRT.

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