A News Release from the Cataraqui Region Conservation Authority

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CRCA ISSUES FLOOD WARNING STATEMENT

KINGSTON ON – The Cataraqui Region Conservation Authority (CRCA) has issued a Flood Warning Statement today.

Reported rainfall amounts from March 30 and 31 range from 33 mm to 46 mm. The higher amounts were reported in the northern part of the Cataraqui watershed and on the Gananoque River system. Kingston and Brockville appear to have received the lower amounts.

Though there is no significant rainfall in the immediate forecast, significant creek and lake level increases due to the recent rainfall event are ongoing.

Widespread flooding is NOT expected, however flooding of low-lying areas is expected.

Areas targeted for this Flood Warning include:
- Singleton Lake
- Charleston Lake
- Gananoque Lake
- Gananoque River – the reach between Marble Rock Dam downstream to the 401 causeway (includes Marble Rock Road)

Water Managers continue to operate area dams to pass flows down through the system and prevent flooding impacts as much as possible.

Residents in flood prone or low-lying areas, historically susceptible to flooding, are advised to remove items stored in the floodplains of area watercourses and lakes.

If you witness flooding and/or require assistance your first point of contact is the local municipality. Depending on the municipality, they may have sandbags on hand for residents, should they require them.

Ice conditions in the region have deteriorated considerably in recent weeks

CRCA is urging residents to use caution, to stay off the ice, away from dams (inflow and outflow channels) and fast flowing watercourses. Creek banks and lake shorelines may be slippery, increasing the chance of falling in. High flows have been reported in roadside ditches. Ice
accumulation in creeks, ditches, culverts, etc. may restrict flows, potentially leading to localized flooding of low-lying areas.

CRCA does not measure ice thickness for advising the public about ice conditions for recreational activities. Ice conditions can vary considerably from one waterbody to the next and within a single waterbody.

Staff will continue to monitor conditions and forecasts and will update statements as needed. This Flood Warning Statement will remain in effect until April 10, 2019.

For up to date flooding information, please visit the CRCA’s flood forecasting and information page at www.crca.ca/flood.

See below for watershed conditions terminology:

**Normal**: No flood conditions exist

**Watershed Conditions Statement – Water Safety**: High flows, unsafe banks, melting ice or other factors that could be dangerous for recreational users such as anglers, canoeists, hikers, children, pets, etc. Flooding is not expected.

**Watershed Conditions Statement – Flood Outlook**: Early notice of the potential for flooding based on weather forecasts calling for heavy rain, snow melt, high wind or other conditions that could lead to high runoff, cause ice jams, lakeshore flooding or erosion.

**Flood Watch**: Flooding is possible in specific watercourse or municipalities. Municipalities, emergency services and individual landowners in flood-prone areas should prepare.

**Flood Warning**: Flooding is imminent or already occurring in specific watercourses or municipalities. Municipalities and individuals should take action to deal with flood conditions. This may include road closures and evacuations.

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