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**Cataraqui Region
Conservation Authority**

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FLOOD WATCH FOR LAKE ONTARIO & UPPER ST. LAWRENCE RIVER

KINGSTON ON – The Cataraqui Region Conservation Authority (CRCA) has downgraded the Flood Warning (in effect since May 8, 2017) for Lake Ontario and the St. Lawrence River to a Flood Watch.

On average Lake Ontario water levels have dropped approximately 63 cm since their peak at the end of May, however levels remain 43 cm above average. Local levels are somewhat above that average with Kingston dropping 67 cm and Brockville dropping 79 cm since their peak. There continues to be a risk of shoreline flooding and erosion during periods of strong winds and high waves as water levels remain above average for this time of year.

Shoreline residents are reminded that any work near the water (e.g. placement of fill, armour stone, repairs to docks etc.) will require a permit from the CRCA. Call our office or visit our website www.crca.ca for further information.

The CRCA is urging residents to take care along the shoreline and on the water as levels decline further. Unsafe/unstable banks may exist due to recent erosion, high water and wave action has deposited debris along shorelines and beaches, and floating debris could cause hazardous conditions for boaters.

For further information on Lake Ontario visit www.ontario.ca/flooding

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

CRCA staff will continue to monitor conditions, forecasts, and update statements as needed. This Flood Warning will remain in effect until Friday Sept. 29, 2017.

See below for watershed conditions terminology:

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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