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Conservation Authority**

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**CRCA FLOOD WATCH STATEMENT - UPDATE**

**Kingston** – The Cataraqui Region Conservation Authority (CRCA) has updated their Flood Watch Statement today.

Lakes levels across the CRCA appear to have stabilized over the last few days, and are starting to fall. Minimal rainfall, coupled with falling stream flows, have allowed inflow and outflow to balance, stabilize the levels, and over the coming days these levels should continue to fall.

It is expected that lake levels will remain high throughout the Easter weekend and into next week, and CRCA staff recommend using caution around lakes and streams, slippery banks, and cold, fast flowing water.

There is rain in the forecast for Saturday and Sunday, and if this rain does occur, it will prolong the high lake levels, and if heavy rainfall occurs, it may cause some lakes to start to rise again.

Widespread flooding is **NOT** expected as a result of current conditions. Watershed Managers will continue to monitor conditions, and forecasts, and update statements as needed. The removal of items stored in the floodplains of area watercourses and lakes is recommended.

There are still some specific locations where the water levels are exceptionally high, they include:

- Sydenham Lake
- Loughborough Lake
- Gananoque River – the reach between Marble Rock Dam and Gananoque Dam
- Gananoque Lake
- Charleston Lake
- Black Creek/Wiltse Creek – Russell Road between the bridges over these creeks

A reminder to everyone that stream and river banks are slippery, water currents are strong, and the water itself remains dangerously cold. The CRCA urges residents to exercise extra caution outdoors around lakes and streams, and to stay off of the thinning ice cover and away from the cold, deep, fast flowing watercourses, as well as any dams. The dangers of drowning and hypothermia are heightened at this time of year because of the unpredictability of water flows, ice thickness and near-freezing temperatures.

This Flood Watch Statement will remain in effect until Wednesday April 19, 2017.

**Newsrooms please note:**

A watershed conditions statement is **NOT** a flood warning. Its purpose is to raise public awareness about a change or potential change in watershed conditions. See below for watershed conditions terminology:

**Watershed Conditions Statement:** general notice of weather conditions that could pose a risk to personal safety or which have the potential to lead to flooding. There are two variations of these:

- Watershed Conditions Statement – Water Safety: High flows, unsafe banks, melting ice or other factors 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.



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**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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