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CRCA FLOOD WATCH UPDATE

Kingston – The Cataraqui Region Conservation Authority (CRCA) has updated its Flood Watch statement today for inland lakes and streams.

Creeks have peaked and have been falling for days now, following 50 – 70 mm of rainfall received early this week. The possibility of an additional 40 - 70 mm of rain over the next three days will cause area creeks to rise again. Localized flooding of low lying areas may occur or is already occurring in some areas.

Most inland lake levels have stabilized, but the rainfall expected over the next three days will cause them to rise further, possibly higher than three weeks ago and above spring time levels.

Water managers continue to conduct operations to minimize effects.

Widespread flooding is **NOT** expected as a result of the current conditions. Water managers will continue to monitor conditions, and forecasts, and update statements as needed.

Some specific locations where water levels are exceptionally high include:

- Sydenham Lake
- Canoe Lake
- Kingsford Lake
- Devil Lake
- Buck Lake
- Loughborough Lake
- Charleston Lake
- Gananoque Lake
- Marble Rock Rd.

Additional locations may be added to the above list as this situation evolves.

Stream and river banks are slippery, water currents are strong, and the water itself remains dangerously cold. The CRCA is urging residents to exercise caution outdoors around lakes and streams, and to stay away from the cold, deep, fast flowing watercourses, as well as any dams.

This Flood Watch will remain in effect until May 8, 2017.

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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