



A News Release
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**Cataraqui Region
Conservation Authority**

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CRCA issues a Flood Warning Update

Rideau Canal lakes continue to rise

Lakes that remain in Flood Warning:

Newboro Lake, Opinicon Lake, Sand Lake, Cranberry Lake, Loughborough Lake, Buck Lake, Charleston Lake, Gananoque Lake, Gananoque River, Sydenham Lake, Kingsford Lake, and the Reach between Upper and Lower Brewers

Kingston – The Cataraqui Region Conservation Authority (CRCA) has issued a Flood Warning Update today.

Many lakes associated with the Cataraqui River and Gananoque River watersheds continue to rise due to recent rainfall.

All Rideau Canal lakes in the Cataraqui watershed continue to rise by an average of 4cm per day as a result of 22.4mm of rainfall in the last 24 hours.

This rate of increase is expected to continue for 2-3 days. Residents of Newboro Lake, Opinicon Lake, Sand Lake, Cranberry Lake, and the reach between Upper and Lower Brewers should take steps to protect their property from rising levels. Municipalities adjacent to these lakes should monitor roads and bridges in the floodplain, and prepare for increased flooding in these low lying areas.

Area water control structure managers continue to actively manage their structures to pass as much water as possible to minimize flooding.

Residents concerned that their homes may require sandbagging should contact their municipality and are reminded to consider removing possessions from the shoreline as they may become inundated.

Precipitation is expected to end this afternoon and is not expected to begin again until Saturday.

Water levels on Gananoque Lake and the lower Gananoque River (below Marble Rock Dam) are extremely high, and are continuing to rise as water moves through the system. Flooding of infrastructure (roads and houses) along these areas is imminent or currently occurring.

The municipality should be contacted for specifics on affected areas and flooded/closed roads. For updates visit www.leeds1000islands.ca/node/393.

Creeks that are NOT in the Flood Warning area (Wilton Creek, Millhaven Creek, Collins Creek, Little Cataraqui Creek, Lyn Creek, Buells Creek) have stopped falling, and have shown momentary increases as a result of the 10-15mm of rainfall received in those areas over the last 24 hours. These creeks remain in a state of Flood Watch, but we should see them begin to drop in the next couple days.

Sydenham Lake has generally stabilized at the level recorded on April 11th. The lake may experience a small additional increase over the coming days, as a result of the rainfall over the past 24 hours, before it begins to drop.

CRCA continues to monitor conditions, and will update the statement as needed.

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Newsrooms please note:

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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