



WATER LEVEL BULLETIN

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Flood Outlook Statement

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A **Flood Outlook Statement** is issued to raise awareness. Based on weather forecasts for heavy rain, snowmelt or high wind, **a change in conditions on local waterways is possible.**

DATE: May 16, 2020

TIME: 2:00 PM

ISSUED TO: Municipalities (Alnwick/Haldimand, Brighton, Centre Hastings, Cramahe, Quinte West, Stirling-Rawdon, Trent Hills), Northumberland & Hastings Counties, Ministry of Natural Resources & Forestry, Parks Canada – Ontario Waterways, Ontario Power Generation, Innergex, Media, Health Units, Emergency Response Agencies

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Valid until Tuesday, May 19, 2020

Lower Trent Conservation advises municipalities and the public that a **Flood Outlook Statement** has been issued for the local creeks within Lower Trent Watershed region (area stretching from Grafton to Quinte West and from Lake Ontario to Rice Lake). It is important to note that during this time high flows, unsafe banks or other factors could be dangerous for recreational users such as anglers, canoeists, hikers, children, pets, etc. **Nuisance flooding for some may occur.**

Stream flows and levels across the Lower Trent watershed region are generally in the low- normal range for this time of year. While conditions have been fairly dry over the past few weeks, a weather system is forecast to move into the region on Sunday and Monday bringing a rainfall accumulation in the range of 40-65 mm. There is some uncertainty with the total rainfall accumulation currently being predicted and conditions may change. Flows and water levels are expected to increase over the next few days with the local rain inputs and local waterways can become extremely unpredictable and hazardous especially “flashy” watercourses such as those on the north shore of Lake Ontario.

The Flood Watch for Lake Ontario remains in effect.

While the potential dangers presented by rivers, small streams and open ditches never cease to exist, they are of particular concern at this time of the year. Water currents are strong and water temperatures are cold. Parents and caregivers are advised to keep children and pets away from all waterways. Areas around dams, culverts and bridges should be avoided at all times.

Lower Trent Conservation monitors water levels and weather forecasts closely as part of its flood forecasting and warning program. Daily water level updates are available at www.LTC.on.ca. If you have concerns about water levels, please contact Lower Trent Conservation at (613) 394-4829.

This Flood Outlook Statement for local creeks and streams will be in effect until **Tuesday, May 19, 2020.**

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