



WATER LEVEL BULLETIN

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CONSERVATION

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: March 8, 2021

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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 Monday, March 15, 2021

Lower Trent Conservation advises municipalities and the public that a Flood Outlook Statement has been issued for the local creeks within the 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 currently average for this time of year. Above seasonal temperatures are predicted for the next four days with night time lows not going below zero Wednesday and Thursday nights. A weather system is forecast to move into the region on Thursday with the potential to bring upwards of 10-15 mm of precipitation. The current forecast is showing that the bulk of the precipitation will occur within a 24-hour period. Additionally, local snowmelt is predicted due to warm weather conditions with above zero temperatures that are forecasted for the next 4-5 days. Based on the most recent snow survey information, there is approximately 40-60 mm of snow water equivalent on the ground. Local waterways fed by rainfall on partially frozen ground conditions and potential snow melt can become extremely unpredictable and hazardous. Increased streamflows are expected.

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 temperatures dangerously 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 will be in effect until (or updated before) **Monday March 15, 2021.**

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