WATER LEVEL BULLETIN

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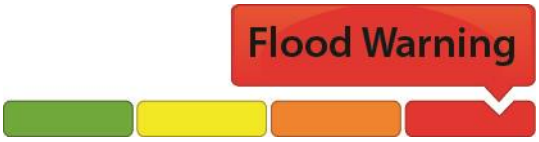

Flood Warning

*A **Flood Warning** is issued when **flooding is beginning/occurring** or when more **serious flooding is possible.** A Flood Warning requires action that may include the activation of the municipal flood emergency plan, warning residents or businesses in specific affected areas, and in some cases evacuation.*

DATE: April 7, 2016

TIME: 1:40 PM

ISSUED TO: Municipalities (Alnwick/Haldimand, Quinte West, Trent Hills), Northumberland & Hastings Counties, Ministry of Natural Resources & Forestry, Trent-Severn Waterway, Ontario Power Generation, Media, Health Units, Emergency Response Agencies

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Lower Trent Conservation advises municipalities and the public that the Flood Watch issued on April 2, 2016 **for the Trent River from Hastings to Trenton** has been upgraded to a **Flood Warning**.

Water levels on Rice Lake and the Trent River have continued to increase over the past week as the spring runoff from recent rain and snowmelt continues through the river system.

Water levels on Rice Lake and the Trent River have risen over the past 24 hours as follows:

- Rice Lake – 2.6 centimetres (1 inch)
- Percy Boom – 7.1 centimetres (2.8 inches)
- Glen Ross (upper) – 4.9 centimetres (1.9 inches); Glen Ross (lower) – 3.9 centimetres (1.5 inches)

Residents living along Rice Lake and the Trent River within the municipalities of Alnwick/Haldimand, Trent Hills, and Quinte West should expect further increases in water levels for at least the next week. Any significant precipitation during this time could lengthen the period of high water levels. The Trent River typically peaks in mid to late April.

Residents living in low lying, floodplain areas on Rice Lake and the Trent River are advised to take action now to:

- secure personal property (boats, docks, etc.) along the river bank
- ensure sump pumps are in good working order
- remove valuables and other items from potential flooded areas
- monitor local water levels carefully (daily updates available at www.ltc.on.ca)
- test drinking water from private well supplies – contact local Health Unit

Local municipalities are the first to respond to, and assist with, flood emergencies. Residents requiring assistance should contact their local municipality.

The Trent-Severn Waterway is continuing to make operational changes to water control structures to allow the spring runoff to pass downstream through the river system. Lower Trent Conservation is maintaining daily contact with the Trent-Severn Waterway, Ontario Surface Water Monitoring Centre, Ontario Power Generation, and Conservation Authorities to ensure we are aware of conditions that may affect the downstream sections of the river.

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The public is urged to use extreme caution around all watercourses due to strong currents, very cold water temperatures, and slippery stream banks. Parents and caregivers are advised to keep children away from all waterways. Areas around dams, culverts and bridges should be avoided at all times.

Lower Trent Conservation is monitoring 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.

An update will be provided on Monday, April 11, 2016, or earlier if conditions warrant.

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