



WATER LEVEL BULLETIN

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Water Safety Statement

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ISSUED TO: Municipalities (Alnwick/Haldimand, Brighton, Cramahe, Quinte West), Northumberland & Hastings Counties, Ministry of Natural Resources & Forestry, Media, Health Units, Emergency Response Agencies

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Valid until Monday, March 2, 2020

A **Water Safety Statement** is issued during high flows, unsafe banks, melting ice or other factors that could be dangerous for recreational users such as anglers, canoeists, hikers, children, pets, etc. **Nuisance localized shoreline flooding for some may occur. There is also potential for further erosion on already damaged shorelines.**

A system is forecast to move into the Province today and bring strong winds across Lake Ontario. Winds will begin from the North-West then shift to South-West. Sustained winds across Lake Ontario are forecast to reach 50 km/hr for Wednesday and increase to 80 to 100km/hr winds throughout Thursday. Although, winds are expected to see a decrease in momentum on Friday, there is a potential for moderately high winds up to 40 km/hr. These strong winds are forecast to result in storm surge with waves exceeding 1.5 metres along the north shore of Lake Ontario beginning Wednesday during the day and continuing into Friday. Surge related flooding and erosion damage from high waves is possible during these periods of strong onshore winds. Residents should pay close attention to weather forecasts for approaching storm systems with high southeast, south or southwest winds.

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 Watershed Safety Statement will be in effect until (or updated before) Monday, March 2, 2020.

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