



WATER LEVEL BULLETIN

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LOWER TRENT
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: February 16, 2018

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, Trent-Severn Waterway, Ontario Power Generation, Media, Health Units, Emergency Response Agencies

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Valid until Wednesday, February 21, 2018

Lower Trent Conservation advises municipalities and the public that a **Flood Outlook Statement** has been issued for the **Lower Trent watershed region** (area stretching from Grafton to Quinte West and from Lake Ontario to Rice Lake).

Stream flows and levels across the Lower Trent Conservation watershed region are generally in the normal range for this time of year. However, a significant weather system is forecast to move into the region later this Family Day long weekend into next week. Rain and above seasonal temperatures are anticipated for Monday through Wednesday.

Based on this week's survey of snow conditions across the Lower Trent watershed region, there is currently 60 to 80 mm of water equivalent existing in the current snow pack. Runoff from rain combined with snowmelt may result in flooding issues on small creeks and streams across the watershed region, including Mayhew, Cold, Rawdon, Mill, Trout, Butler, Salt, Colborne, and Shelter Valley Creeks.

Water levels are expected to remain stable for the Trent River.

Ice break up on local waterways could also result in ice jamming and cause further flooding concerns. Lower Trent Conservation will continue to monitor conditions through the weekend. If residents observe sudden increases in water levels or the formation of ice jams, they should call the Lower Trent Conservation office.

Under these mild conditions, all local rivers, streams, and lakes should be considered extremely dangerous. Ice cover will become unstable and hazardous, and should be considered unsafe. Parents are urged to keep children away from all waterways. Areas around water control structures 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. If you have concerns about water levels, please contact Lower Trent Conservation at (613) 394-4829.

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