



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: March 30, 2019

TIME: 11:30 AM

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, April 1, 2019

Lower Trent Conservation advises municipalities and the public that the Water Safety statement issued on March 29th, 2019 has been changed to a **Flood Outlook Statement**, and 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 watershed region are generally in the normal range for this time of year. However, the forecasted weather system moving into the region today has changed and the forecast is now expecting 25-45 millimeters of mixed precipitation with above zero temperatures. Local waterways fed by rainfall on frozen ground conditions and melt of remaining snowpack can become extremely unpredictable and hazardous.

No significant increases to water levels are anticipated for the Trent River at this time. In addition, due to the above zero daytime temperatures and previous run-off events, the threat of ice jams are no longer a significant concern.

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 year. Water currents are strong and temperatures are 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 levels updates are available at ww.ltc.on.ca. If you have concerns about water levels, please contact Lower Trent Conservation at (613) 394-4829.

The Flood Outlook Statement will be in effect until (or updated before) Monday April 1st, 2019.

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