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Low Water Conditions Update

Most of the Lower Trent Conservation watershed region will remain in a Level 2 Low Water Condition at least through the first half of the winter season. In the northeastern section of the watershed, a Level 3 Low Water Condition will remain in effect for the Township of Stirling-Rawdon and the Municipality of Centre Hastings.

With six of the past eight months recording well below normal precipitation totals, including November at close to 52% of normal, the Low Water Response Team has decided to keep the Level 2/3 status in place for a least the next several months. The Team will review low water conditions in February.

Monthly Precipitation Recorded at Trenton Weather Station			
Month	2016 Monthly Total (mm)	Long Term Average (mm)	% of Normal
January	67	68	99
February	96	57	170
March	100	62	160
April	35	77	46
May	24	79	30
June	49	78	62
July	33	69	48
August	95	72	132
September	43	90	47
October	93	84	112
November	49	96	52
December (to Dec. 14)	32	79	41
TOTAL	709	911	77

“There has been some recovery of stream flows across the region, but we continue to receive new reports of dry wells from rural homeowners,” says Janet Noyes, Water Resources Manager. “With the cold winter temperatures upon us, there will be minimal water recharge until spring.”

Groundwater conditions are not expected to improve significantly over the winter as the ground will be frozen resulting in no infiltration of surface moisture into the ground. Homeowners currently experiencing water shortage issues may need to continue water conservation measures through the winter months.

A Level 1 Low Water Condition was declared by Lower Trent Conservation on June 3rd due to lack of rainfall and low flows in local creeks and streams, upgraded to Level 2 on July 4th and upgraded to Level 3 for the northeastern portion of the watershed region on September 1st.

The Ontario Low Water Response Program was developed by the Province to help coordinate and support local response in the event of a prolonged period of low stream flows or precipitation. There are three levels of Low Water Conditions with Level 1 being the least severe and Level 3 being the most severe.

To learn more about Ontario's Low Water Response program visit our website at www.ltc.on.ca.

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