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The Crowe Valley Conservation Authority is issuing the following FLOOD WATCH UPDATE effective immediately, **13 April 2017**.

## **FLOOD WATCH UPDATE**

A **FLOOD WATCH** issued for the entire Crowe Valley watershed on 5 April 2017 remains in effect. The potential for flooding remains at a high level. Municipalities, emergency services and individuals in flood prone areas should be prepared to take the necessary steps to initiate steps to fight potential flooding. Precipitation received during the week of April 10<sup>th</sup>, has further eroded the snow pack in the northern reaches of the watershed, adding to the volume of water in the Crowe River system. As a result, flooding can still be expected in low lying areas. The Crowe watershed and its tributaries are at high levels and flows and will continue to remain high throughout the Easter long weekend. Predicted rainfall on Saturday and Sunday will at the very least prolong high levels and flows on the Crowe River, Beaver Creek and North River drainage basins. There is a possibility, depending on the rainfall amounts over the weekend that levels and flows may rise even further.

In addition to the flooding hazard, ice on lakes will continue to deteriorate, however, no ice jams causing flooding are reported at this time. Increased flows and levels will also put additional pressure on beaver dams and could lead to unexpected failures and flash flooding causing damage to roadways.

Increased flows and water levels on lakes, rivers and their tributaries are hazardous. Parents need to inform their children of these conditions.

**THEREFORE, THE CVCA URGES EVERYONE, ESPECIALLY CHILDREN TO STAY AWAY FROM ALL DAMS, WEIRS, HYDRO GENERATING PLANTS, BRIDGES. SPRINGTIME CONDITIONS ON WATERCOURSES CAN EASILY CREATE DANGEROUS SITUATIONS CAUSING HARM OR DROWNING ACCIDENTS LEADING TO FATALITIES.**

**STAY AWAY FROM ICE COVERED SURFACES, DITCHES AND TRIBUTARIES – WATER LEVELS AND FLOWS ARE INCREASING RAPIDLY.**

CVCA staff will continue to monitor levels and flows daily and this **Flood Watch** will be updated on Tuesday, 18 April 2017 or as conditions warrant. If there are any questions or concerns, contact Tim Pidduck, CVCA General Manager or Neil McConkey, Water Resources Supervisor at 613-472-3137. The CVCA includes portions of the municipalities of Trent Hills, Stirling-Rawdon, Marmora and Lake, Havelock-Belmont-Methuen, North Kawartha, Wollaston, Limerick, Tudor and Cashel, Faraday and Highlands East.

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