



The Crowe Valley Conservation Authority is issuing the following **WATERSHED CONDITIONS STATEMENT – FLOOD OUTLOOK** effective immediately, **Wednesday 13 January 2016**.

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Crowe Valley Conservation Authority staff have noted an increase in lake levels and flows in the past 48 hours. The Crowe River and its tributaries have increased higher than winter seasonal norms.

Significant rainfall amounts received last weekend has resulted in abnormally high flows and water levels in the Crowe Valley watershed. The CVCA does not anticipate any significant flooding from the recent rains however it does pose other threats and potential issues. Residents in low lying areas may be experiencing nuisance flooding and may wish to take the necessary precautions normally associated with these conditions such as making sure sump pumps are in good working order and removing or securing items outside that may float in higher levels or flows.

As flows and levels increase, whatever ice had formed, it will be affected by the fast flowing water first on smaller streams and tributaries and ice conditions could deteriorate on larger waterbodies such as ponds and lakes as well. Even with colder temperatures, ice may not be able to increase in thickness as quickly as normal with the higher flow rates and therefore should not be considered safe. Residents, please keep children away from the dangers of playing on or near ice surfaces that could or will be a hazard. Even a small watercourse flowing through a culvert can exert enough pressure to trap and drown a child or cause hypothermia.

THEREFORE, THE CVCA URGES EVERYONE, ESPECIALLY CHILDREN TO STAY AWAY FROM ALL DAMS, WEIRS, HYDRO GENERATING PLANTS, BRIDGES. CURRENT 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 FLOWS ARE INCREASING.

CVCA staff will continue to monitor levels and flows daily and this Watershed Conditions Statement will be updated 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.
