



The Crowe Valley Conservation Authority is issuing the following WATERSHED CONDITIONS STATEMENT – WATER SAFETY effective immediately, **Tuesday 15 March 2015**.

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Due to above average seasonal temperatures and recent rainfall, flows in rivers and their tributaries are increasing. These conditions are likely to persist for the next 72 hours and will continue to raise flows and increase lake levels in the Crowe Valley watershed. This will result in strong currents, especially around dams as they will be adjusted to release additional water into the system. As a result of these conditions, ice conditions will deteriorate and become unsafe.

DUE TO THESE CONDITIONS, THE CVCA URGES EVERYONE, ESPECIALLY CHILDREN TO STAY AWAY FROM ALL DAMS, WEIRS, HYDRO GENERATING PLANTS, BRIDGES AND ALL WATERCOURSES. CURRENT FLOWS IN RIVERS, STREAMS OR CREEKS CAN EASILY SWEEP PEOPLE INTO A DANGEROUS SITUATION CAUSING HARM OR DROWNING ACCIDENTS. PARENTS AND GUARDIANS, PLEASE KEEP CHILDREN OFF ANY REMAINING ICE ON LAKES, PONDS RIVERS OR OTHER TRIBUTARIES TO AVOID FALLING THROUGH AND DROWNING OR SUFFERING FROM THE EFFECTS OF HYPOTHERMIA WHICH ALSO COULD LEAD TO DEATH.

No flooding is expected during this time period.

CVCA staff will continue to monitor levels and flows daily as per normal operations and will update the Water Safety Statement should current trends change or intensify. If there are any questions or concerns CVCA staff can be reached 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.