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The Crowe Valley Conservation Authority is issuing the following FLOOD WATCH effective immediately, **1 April 2016**.

## **FLOOD WATCH**

Due to rising water levels and flows recorded by the Crowe Valley Conservation Authority in the past 24 hour period, the CVCA flood forecasting and monitoring staff have determined current levels warrant increased attention by watershed residents and their respective municipalities.

A **FLOOD WATCH** is issued for the entire Crowe Valley watershed. The potential for flooding has increased significantly. 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 in the past 24 hours throughout the watershed ranged from 25mm in the south to over 40mm in the northern reaches of the watershed. The entire watershed was already saturated and the additional rain is having an immediate impact on levels and flows, especially in traditional flood prone areas. The Crowe River, Beaver Creek and North River continue to rise along with all of the monitored lakes in the watershed.

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 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 FLOWS ARE INCREASING RAPIDLY.**

CVCA staff will continue to monitor levels and flows daily and this **Flood Watch** 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.

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