



The Crowe Valley Conservation Authority is issuing the following **WATERSHED CONDITIONS STATEMENT** – effective immediately, **Friday, 24 February 2017**.

WATER CONDITIONS STATEMENT – WATER SAFETY

Recent unseasonably mild temperatures combined with today's precipitation and predicted rainfall on Saturday will increase lake levels, stream and river flows throughout the Crowe Valley Conservation Authority watershed.

This will contribute to wearing ice thinner especially near inflows and outflows on lakes or at locations where currents have increased substantially. Ice which was used recreationally or walked on only days ago will be erode and may not be safe. The public, especially children, need to be vigilant at all times for their own personal safety and stay away from ice and fast flowing watercourses.

Flows around dams and hydro generation plants are beginning to increase and the ice thinning could be severe for a considerable distance from the dam. CVCA staff strongly advise resident stay away from these dangerous zones.

Hypothermia is also a threat for anyone who ignores the warnings and either falls through the ice or into open water. Avoid banks of rivers and streams where snow and ice make slippery or unstable walking conditions which could lead to accidently falling into water. Smaller tributaries such as streams, creeks and ditches with fast flowing water must be avoided to eliminate exposure to hazardous conditions.

Structures such as culverts with fast flowing water or bridges with degraded ice and fast flowing water beneath them must be avoided as well. Stay clear of potential danger.

Colder temperatures and drier conditions will return starting Sunday and extend into next week, which will slow the melt process and reduce the levels and flows.

The Crowe Valley Conservation Authority has issued this Water Safety Statement to inform the public of current and changing ice conditions. There is no threat of flooding associated with these conditions.

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.
