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The Crowe Valley Conservation Authority is issuing the following WATERSHED CONDITIONS STATEMENT – FLOOD OUTLOOK effective immediately, **Thursday 31 March 2016**.

## **WATER CONDITIONS STATEMENT – FLOOD OUTLOOK**

Due to current and forecasted precipitation amounts of approximately 50mm in the next 24 hour period, the Flood Forecasting and Warning staff at the Crowe Valley Conservation Authority have issued the following Flood Outlook.

Increases in levels and flows throughout the Crowe River watershed and its tributaries have been recorded overnight and with the current rainfall predicted for the next 24 hours, the water levels and flows will continue to trend higher with the potential for flooding. Isolated thunderstorms are also a potential risk to add to the rainfall totals.

Although precipitation is anticipated to cease after 24 hours, the high rainfall amounts combined with snowmelt from the northern portion of the watershed will continue to add significant volumes of water into the Crowe Valley system. The CVCA anticipates this will sustain high levels and flows beyond the current rainfall event. Therefore, depending on future weather conditions, it is likely high water levels and flows will continue to rise in the next 72 hours.

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. Monitor conditions closely and take appropriate action.

As flows and levels increase, ice will continue to wear thin and expose fast flowing water on smaller streams and tributaries. Residents, please remind children of the dangers of playing on or near ice surfaces is a hazard. Even a small watercourse flowing through a culvert can exert enough pressure to trap and drown a child.

**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 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.