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The Crowe Valley Conservation Authority has issued the following **UPDATED FLOOD WARNING** effective immediately, **11:00 am, 4 April 2016**.

## **FLOOD WARNING**

The Crowe Valley Conservation Authority watershed continues to experience increases in water levels and flows resulting from rainfall received last Wednesday and Thursday (30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> of March) in the southern portion of the watershed. This includes slowly rising levels on Cordova, Belmont and Crowe Lake, in addition to flow increases on the Crowe River south of the Village of Marmora to the outlet of Crowe River at the Trent River.

Flows and lake levels in the northern reaches of the watershed have either peaked or stabilized at this time. They include, Chandos, Steenburgh, Paudash, Wollaston, Kasshabog and St. Ola lakes. The CVCA anticipates these conditions will persist for the next 72 hours.

However, additional precipitation forecasted for Wednesday may reverse the stable northern reaches and put additional pressure on the southern portion of the watershed, causing a continued upward trend in the southernly levels and flows. Either of the above stated conditions could also change significantly in the event of a sudden influx of water into the system from beaver dam failures.

This **UPDATED FLOOD WARNING** is issued for the entire Crowe Valley watershed. Individuals in the above noted flood prone areas should be prepared to take the necessary precautions to protect their belongings and property if they have not already taken those steps. Residents are also advised to ensure safe ingress and egress is available in the event an evacuation of their premise is required.

No ice jams causing flooding are reported at this time.

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 CONTINUE TO INCREASE RAPIDLY.**

CVCA staff will continue to monitor levels and flows daily and will update Flood Warnings 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. During a Flood Warning, the CVCA will be open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, until a **Flood Warning** is no longer in effect. 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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