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The Crowe Valley Conservation Authority is issuing the following FLOOD WATCH effective immediately, **06 April 2023 at 11:30 am.** and will remain in effect until 11 April 2023 unless updated prior to this date and time.

## **FLOOD WATCH**

Rainfall received in the Crowe Valley watershed in the past 24 hrs and a significant snowpack continuing to melt and provide input into the watershed has resulted in conditions that warrant the issuance of a **FLOOD WATCH** for the entire watershed with an emphasis on the southern reach of Beaver Creek near Marmora. The Crowe Valley Conservation Authority flood forecasting and monitoring staff have confirmed current levels and flows will increase toward thresholds where flooding can be expected in low lying areas.

A **FLOOD WATCH** is issued for the entire Crowe Valley watershed. The potential for flooding will increase as the snowmelt continues along with the precipitation entering into lakes, rivers and smaller tributaries from the past 24 hours of rainfall. Municipalities, emergency services and individuals in flood prone areas should be prepared to take the necessary steps such as sandbagging to contend with potential flooding. The Crowe River, Beaver Creek and North River will 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 could 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 LEVELS AND FLOWS ARE INCREASING RAPIDLY.**

CVCA staff will continue to monitor levels and flows daily and this **Flood Watch** will be updated daily or 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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