

Watershed Conditions Statement - Water Safety

Peterborough Bancroft District

Wednesday, April 17, 2024
3:00 pm

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) – **Bancroft Work Centre** is advising area residents that a **Watershed Conditions Statement - Water Safety** is in effect until Wednesday, April 24, 2024. This message will affect residents within the Bancroft area.

Residents should note that water levels on lakes and rivers have been rising over the past week and may continue to increase as a result of forecasted rainfall.

The ministry is closely monitoring the weather and developing watershed conditions. Further updates will be issued as appropriate.

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Description of Weather System

This message is being sent on the basis of information received from MNRF's Surface Water Monitoring Centre and Environment Canada.

As of April 17th, the Bancroft area is forecasted to receive an additional 21mm of rainfall over the next 5 days.

Description of Current Conditions

The MNRF continues to closely monitor local lakes and rivers as this event progresses. The MNRF is in regular communication with partner agencies and water control structure operators, including Conservation Authorities, Ontario Power Generation (OPG), and Bracebridge Generation.

Over the past 6 days, the Bancroft Area received approximately 45mm of rain causing water levels in local lakes and rivers to rise. An additional 21mm of rainfall is forecasted

over the next 5 days.

Water levels and flows have stabilized following last weeks rainfall. However, additional rainfall may cause water levels and flows to remain elevated or slightly increase over the next week.

Flooding is not expected at this time. A close watch on local forecasts and conditions is recommended.

DEFINITIONS

- **WATERSHED CONDITIONS STATEMENT – WATER SAFETY:** indicates that high flows, melting ice or other factors could be dangerous for such users as boaters, anglers and swimmers but flooding is not expected.
- **WATERSHED CONDITIONS STATEMENT – FLOOD OUTLOOK:** gives early notice of the potential for flooding based on weather forecasts calling for heavy rain, snow melt, high winds or other conditions
- **FLOOD WATCH:** potential for flooding exists within specific watercourses and municipalities
- **FLOOD WARNING:** flooding is imminent or occurring within specific watercourses and municipalities.

LEARN MORE

- Surface Water Monitoring Centre public webpage www.ontario.ca/flooding
- Environment Canada bulletins: www.weather.gc.ca
- A close watch on local conditions and weather forecasts from Environment Canada is recommended.

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