

Watershed Conditions Statement - Water Safety

Pembroke District – Ottawa River

Wednesday, April 29, 2020
2:00pm

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry – Pembroke District is advising area residents that the Watershed Conditions Statement - Water Safety that is in effect for the Ottawa River within Renfrew County has been extended until Wednesday, May 06, 2020.

Residents along the Ottawa River in Renfrew County should keep a close watch on conditions, regularly check for updated messages and exercise caution near fast-moving rivers and streams. Residents who have a historic susceptibility to flooding should take appropriate precautions to protect their property, such as ensuring sump pumps are functioning and securing items that may float away as water levels rise.

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

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Description of Weather System

Over the next two days a storm system will be moving into the area bringing 15-25mm of rain with highest amounts along the northern edge of the County. Friday through Sunday should be rain-free with warm temperatures in the teens. Light rain is possible on Monday with a dry trend for the middle of next week.

Description of Current Conditions

Most Renfrew County lakes and rivers have now crested, have started to gradually decline and are being managed to get to summer levels.

The Ottawa River along Renfrew County is expected to remain fairly stable over the next few days. With precipitation forecast this week, spring runoff is expected to increase causing levels and flows to increase. Levels are not expected to exceed those reached earlier in April.

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/floodforecast
- Environment Canada bulletins: www.weather.gc.ca
- A close watch on local conditions and weather forecasts from Environment Canada is recommended.