

## **Flood Warning Extension Pembroke District**

### **NEWS**

04/13/2017

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry - Pembroke District is advising area residents that a Flood Warning continues to be in effect for Renfrew County.

Residents of Renfrew County should be advised that water levels are continuing to rise due to recent precipitation and melting snow. For safety, all residents 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 also advises extreme caution when using forest access roads for outdoor activities as many are seasonally inundated with water, prone to washouts and may be impassible due to current water levels.

MNRF 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 - Surface Water Monitoring Centre, MNRF - Aviation Forest Fire and Emergency Management Services and Environment Canada.

Clear skies and warm temperatures on Friday are forecast to be followed by rain moving into the area on Saturday and Sunday. Rainfall amounts of 10 to 15 mm are expected both days with daytime temperatures around 15°C. Overnight temperatures are forecast to be around freezing with the exception of Saturday night when the temperature will remain above zero. Sunny and slightly cooler temperatures are forecast beyond the weekend.

#### **Description of Current Conditions**

Current high water levels, ground saturated with water, seasonal mild temperatures, ice on large lakes and snow in forested areas which has yet to melt and rain being forecast are causing water levels and flow velocities in local rivers and streams to increase contributing to flooding around the County.

**Expiry Date:**

This message will expire on 04/21/2017 5:00 PM

**Terminology: Notification Levels**

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

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.

FLOOD WATCH: potential for flooding exists within specific watercourses and municipalities

FLOOD WARNING: flooding is imminent or occurring within specific watercourses and municipalities.

**Contact Information**

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A close watch on local conditions and weather forecasts from Environment Canada is recommended. Environment Canada bulletins can be found at <http://weather.gc.ca/>

The Surface Water Monitoring Centre public webpage can be found at:  
<http://www.ontario.ca/flooding>

**Key Information Websites:**

<http://www.ontario.ca/ministry-natural-resources-and-forestry> - MNRF Website

<http://www.ottawariver.ca/> (or call the 24hr toll free number 1-800-778-1246)

<http://www.opg.com> – Ontario Power Generation

<http://www.renfrewpg.ca> – Renfrew Power Generation

<http://www.emergencymanagementontario.ca/english/home.html> - Emergency Management Ontario