

## WATERSHED CONDITIONS STATEMENT - WATER SAFETY

**DATE:** February 4, 2019  
**TIME:** 3:00 pm

**Message sent on the basis of information received from:**

- **Kawartha Conservation Flood Forecasting Network**
- **Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry - Surface Water Monitoring Centre**
- **Environment Canada**

Mild temperature and a moderate amount of rain are expected throughout the Kawartha Conservation watershed over the next 24 hours. The air temperature gauges across the watershed reported a high of 12.0 °C. Recorded rainfall varies from 14 mm in the northern portion of the watershed to 0 mm in Port Perry. Additional rain is expected today, up to 10 mm. It is forecasted that temperature will return to more seasonal values below 0°C late tomorrow (Tuesday).

Melting snowpack and liquid precipitation (rain) have produced a moderate runoff throughout the watershed. Under these circumstances, local rivers and streams are starting responding to the increased runoff by running higher and faster than normal for this time of year. **However, no flooding problems are anticipated at this time.**

Under current watershed conditions all local rivers, streams, ditches and lakes should be considered extremely dangerous. Riverbanks are slippery and unsafe; ice cover where it exists may become unstable and hazardous. Kawartha Conservation is warning all residents to stay away from water bodies, as well as water structures such as bridges, culverts, and dams. Children should be warned of dangerous conditions and caregivers should maintain a close watch on children who are outside.

This *Watershed Conditions Statement-Water Safety* will be in effect through Wednesday, Feb 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

Kawartha Conservation will continue monitoring local watercourses and notify the public and municipalities within its watershed jurisdiction of any changes. If you are aware of or have concerns about flooding, please contact Kawartha Conservation at 705.328.2271 or 705.344.0155 after hours.

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**Watershed Conditions Statement – Water Safety** is a general notice that existing or potential conditions pose a risk to personal safety. Watershed Conditions Statements - Water Safety may be issued when streams are flowing at or near bankfull levels, when ice conditions are unsafe, or when stream banks are icy, soft and/or slippery.

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