

Message #2024-08

Issued: 11:30 a.m., Thursday, May 2, 2024

WATERSHED CONDITIONS STATEMENT – WATER SAFETY UPDATE issued for the Trent-Severn Waterway.

ISSUED TO: Municipalities of Selwyn, Douro-Dummer, Asphodel-Norwood, Otonabee-South Monaghan, Cavan Monaghan, Trent Hills, City of Peterborough, City of Kawartha Lakes, and Otonabee Conservation’s other partners in flood emergency management.

WATERSHED CONDITIONS STATEMENT – WATER SAFETY. This Water Safety message is issued due to recent widespread rainfall events causing higher-than-normal water flows and levels that may be dangerous, but flooding is not expected.

Weather: Over the past month, Otonabee Conservation’s geographical jurisdiction and areas north of our watershed region including the Haliburton/Reservoir Lakes Region that are hydrologically connected to the Kawartha Lakes, Otonabee River, Rice Lake and Trent River, have received a significant amount of rainfall.

Watershed Conditions: In preparation for the opening of the navigational season on the Trent-Severn Waterway (TSW), Parks Canada is currently managing water levels and flows through the reservoirs, rivers and streams. As a result, water levels and flows on the Kawartha Lakes, Otonabee River and Trent River will increase. These conditions are expected to continue over the next 2 weeks as the excess water is conveyed through the system. However, no flooding is expected.

Area residents and visitors are strongly advised that slippery stream banks and deep, turbulent, fast, and cold surface waters create dangerous conditions around all lakes and rivers. Please exercise caution around all surface water and alert any children in your care of the hazards.

Area water information can be monitored on-line at:

- 1) [Trent-Severn Waterway’s Water Management InfoNet](#)
- 2) [Water Survey of Canada Real-Time Hydrometric Data](#)
- 3) [Otonabee Conservation Precipitation and Water Level Data](#)

This **WATERSHED CONDITIONS STATEMENT-WATER SAFETY** is effective immediately and will remain in effect until Friday, May 17, 2024, unless updated earlier.

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