

**Watershed Conditions Statement - Flood Outlook
Bancroft District****NEWS**Monday, February 19, 2018
10:00am

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry - Bancroft District is advising area residents that a Watershed Conditions Statement - Flood Outlook is in effect in the Bancroft District.

Residents of Bancroft District should keep a close watch on conditions, regularly check for updated messages and exercise caution near fast-moving rivers and streams. Please alert any children under your care to these dangers and supervise their activities. 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.

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, Trent Severn Waterway and Environment Canada.

A significant weather system is forecast to cross the province early this week.

Monday and Tuesday will be messy days through eastern and southern Ontario. Heaviest rain is likely through Windsor/Sarnia into Stratford and Kitchener with a possible 75mm by early Wednesday morning.

Temperatures will climb well above seasonal values throughout Ontario with daytime highs climbing towards +5 to +10C by Monday afternoon. Overnight lows will remain at or above freezing for the entire three day period. Between the start of rain on Monday afternoon to the tapering off of precipitation as the system moves out of the area on Wednesday, accumulated rain amounts could reach over 50 mm for the watershed area.

Description of Current Conditions

Water levels and flows across the Bancroft District are generally in the normal range for this time of year. Forecast precipitation and associated snowmelt are likely to produce high water levels and flooding. There may be potential for minor ice jam related flooding on some rivers.

A close watch on local forecasts and conditions is recommended.

The MNRF and the Trent-Severn Waterway (TSW) continue to closely monitor local lakes and rivers as the freshet progresses.

The MNRF is in regular communication with partner agencies and water control structure operators, including Conservation Authorities, Ontario Power Generation (OPG), Bracebridge Generation and the TSW.

Expiry Date:

This message will expire on 02/22/2018 12:00 AM

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

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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 here:
www.ontario.ca/flooding