

Flood Warning

North Bay District

NEWS

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12:30

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry – North Bay District is advising residents in the Ottawa River area, from the City of Temiskaming Shores south to Papineau-Cameron Township (Harris, Dymond, New Liskeard, Temiskaming Shores, North Cobalt, Cobalt, Lorrain, South Lorrain, Hebert, Burnaby, Parkman, Wyse, Town of Thorne, Eldee, Poitras, Eddy, Antoine, Mattawan, Town of Mattawa, Papineau-Cameron) that a special Flood Warning for the area is in effect until Monday, May 13, 2019.

Residents requiring more information in the following unincorporated townships (Lorrain, South Lorrain, Hebert, Burnaby, Parkman, Wyse, Poitras, Eddy, Antoine) are asked to contact Graham Mewett at the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry – North Bay District at (705) 475-5529.

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

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Description of Weather System

The next significant weather system affecting the Ottawa River Watershed will move in on Wednesday and Thursday, bringing significant rainfall. Forecasted precipitation in the Ottawa River Watershed ranges from 27 mm in the Temiskaming area to 38 mm in the Mattawa area. If thunderstorms occur, increased rainfall is expected.

Description of Current Conditions

Water levels along the Ottawa River Watershed are seeing an increased rate of flow well above normal conditions. These higher than normal water levels will continue to increase from the current level of **154.98 m** and are forecast to reach peak levels of **155.50 m** on Wednesday.

The North Bay District has received substantial precipitation over the past several

weeks. The combination of repeated rainfall and snowmelt has resulted in water levels and stream flows across the district rising significantly, reaching or exceeding flood levels in many areas.

Municipalities and residents, especially those in low-lying areas and along shorelines, are encouraged to monitor these conditions and prepare accordingly. Shorelines and banks adjacent to rivers and creeks are very slippery and unstable at this time and, when combined with cold open water, pose a serious hazard.

A close watch on local forecasts and conditions is recommended.

DEFINITIONS

- **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.

LEARN MORE

- Surface Water Monitoring Centre public webpage www.ontario.ca/flooding
- Environment Canada bulletins: www.weather.gc.ca
- A close watch on local conditions and weather forecasts from Environment Canada is recommended.

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