

Watershed Conditions Statement - Water Safety

Parry Sound District

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1:00pm

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry – Parry Sound District is advising area residents that a Watershed Conditions Statement - Water Safety is in effect in the District until Thursday, September 10, 2020.

Residents within the Parry Sound-Muskoka area should keep a close watch on conditions, regularly check for updated messages and exercise caution around water bodies as flows and levels within rivers and streams are relatively high for this time of year. Although flooding is not expected at this time, residents may wish to consider taking action to secure or protect any property in flood-prone or vulnerable areas.

Residents and visitors should exercise caution while around water bodies and maintain close supervision of children and pets.

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

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Description of Weather System

Over the past 10 days the area has received significant amounts of precipitation. Muskoka Airport received ~90mm of rain, however it is likely that other areas in the district received more rain as some of the rain events were more severe locally.

The forecast currently indicates that over the next 7 days we could see another approximately 50mm of rain.

Description of Current Conditions

Currently, water levels and flows in lakes and rivers are relatively high for this time of year. It is anticipated that these levels will remain relatively high over the next week depending on precipitation that is received.

It is expected that lower-lying portions of known flood-prone areas may be impacted to various degrees by high water.

DEFINITIONS

- **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.
- **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
- **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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