

**Message # 2019-22**

**Issued: 12:45 p.m., Friday December 06, 2019**

**Subject: FLOOD WATCH issued for the whole of the Otonabee Region Conservation Authority watershed excluding the Kawartha Lakes, Otonabee River and Rice Lake.**

**Issued to:** Municipalities of Selwyn, Douro-Dummer, Asphodel-Norwood, Otonabee-South Monaghan, Cavan Monaghan, City of Kawartha Lakes, City of Peterborough and Trent Hills, as well as ORCA's other partners in flood emergency management.

This **FLOOD WATCH** is issued to alert municipalities, residents and businesses that flood conditions are a possibility along the shores of the region's lakes, rivers, streams, creeks and wetlands (excluding the Kawartha Lakes, Otonabee River and Rice Lake)

The weather forecast states that a low pressure system will enter our region Sunday (December 8<sup>th</sup>) bringing with it 48-hours of above-zero air temperatures and a total of 15 millimeters of rainfall. The forecasted air temperatures and rainfall on Sunday / Monday are expected to significantly reduce the snow-on-the-ground producing total run-off amounts of 20 millimeters, possibly more. On Tuesday December 10<sup>th</sup>, below zero air temperatures will return and any continuing precipitation will be in the form of snow.

Due to the amount of run-off from rainfall / snowmelt, combined with discontinuous frozen ground conditions, there is a potential for nuisance or minor flooding in some of the watershed's low-lying areas. As a minimum, the expected snowmelt / rainfall run-off will result in accumulations and ponding of water on the ground where there is poor drainage, as well as higher than normal water levels and flows in area rivers, streams, creeks and wetlands. Thereby, as a minimum, area municipalities, residents and businesses can expect potentially hazardous conditions such as water on the road in some locations.

With this message, the Otonabee Region Conservation Authority advises area residents to: 1) have a watchful eye for possible flooding; 2) keep away from all waterbodies / watercourses, conveyance structures (e.g., dams, culverts and bridges); and, 3) stay clear of anywhere that water can be seen to be accumulating and ponding.

This **FLOOD WATCH** message will be in effect until **TUESDAY, December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019.**

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