

## Watershed Conditions Statement – Flood Warning Bancroft District

**NEWS****Monday, May 8, 2017  
1:30 pm**

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry - Bancroft District is advising area residents that a **Flood Warning** remains in effect for all of the Bancroft District.

Residents of the Bancroft District should keep a close watch on conditions, regularly check for updated messages and exercise caution near fast-moving rivers and streams. 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 advises extreme caution when using forest access roads for outdoor activities. Many are seasonally inundated with water, prone to washouts, and may be impassable due to current water levels. The public should avoid crossing any submerged roads as there may be a risk to traveler safety. Barricades are erected at roads where known washouts or dangerous driving conditions have been observed.

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, Ontario Power Generation and Environment Canada.

The current weather forecast calls for daytime highs over the next week to range from 5°C to 14°C, and night time lows to range from -2°C to 7°C (depending on the weather service). Precipitation over the next 7 days has minimal amounts in the forecast, with 1-3mm expected for both Saturday May 13th and Sunday May 14th.

#### **Description of Current Conditions**

The ground across Bancroft District is currently saturated with water. These conditions will cause run-off from any precipitation to move quickly into water bodies, and the ability for the ground to soak up rainfall is reduced. Flows and levels in the rivers and lakes across the District are continuing to respond to the precipitation received during recent weather events. Flooding is occurring and expected to continue in low-lying areas adjacent to the Gull, Burnt, Black, York, and Madawaska River watersheds.

Reservoirs across the District remain elevated and smaller streams and creeks will continue to respond quickly to precipitation. Larger water bodies, including the reservoir lakes, will

take longer to react. Additional water accumulation in areas adjacent to watercourses, road ditches and areas with poor drainage may also occur.

The MNR and the Trent-Severn Waterway (TSW) continue to closely monitor local lakes and rivers.

The MNR 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 05/12/2017 11:59 PM

**Terminology: Notification Levels**

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**

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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](http://www.ontario.ca/flooding)