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## **Flood Watch and Water Safety** Watershed Conditions Statements

SUDBURY – Conservation Sudbury is issuing a **Flood Watch** for the Wanapitei River downstream of Wanapitei Lake.

**Water Safety** messaging is being maintained for all other watercourses within the City of Greater Sudbury. Both statements are effective 11:45 AM today and remain in effect until 11:00 AM on November 2, 2020.

Water levels and stream flows on watercourses are already high from the recent rain and will remain elevated for some time. Larger systems like the Vermilion and Wanapitei Rivers have levels and flows that are building. Higher levels and faster flowing water is to be expected in all watercourses. The inundation of low-lying areas, adjacent to watercourses with a history of flooding, is occurring.

The developing conditions must be closely monitored by all residents especially those living in known low-lying, hazard areas where overland flooding or ponding could become an issue.

Public safety is absolutely the number one priority, especially for children who may be attracted to the edge of creeks or rivers. The cold, fast flowing water must be avoided. Stream banks will be very slippery and unsafe, and must be avoided.

Conservation Sudbury remains in direct contact with the City of Greater Sudbury (CGS), Ontario Power Generation (OPG) and all other partners as required. Staff continues with the monitoring of water levels and updates will be provided as required.

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**Conservation Sudbury issues five types of messages, depending on conditions:**



**Normal**

No flood conditions to report.



**Watershed Conditions Statement - Water Safety**

High flows, unsafe banks, melting ice or other factors that could be dangerous for recreational users such as anglers, canoeists, hikers, children, pets, etc. Flooding is not expected.



**Watershed Conditions Statement - Flood Outlook**

Early notice of the potential for flooding based on weather forecasts calling for heavy rain, snow melt, high wind or other conditions that could lead to high runoff, cause ice jams, lakeshore flooding or erosion.



**Flood Watch**

Flooding is possible in specific watercourses or municipalities. Municipalities, emergency services and individual landowners in flood-prone areas should prepare.



**Flood Warning**

Flooding is imminent or already occurring in specific watercourses or municipalities