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## **Watershed Conditions Statement – Water Safety**

SUDBURY – Conservation Sudbury is maintaining its **Water Safety** statement for all parts of the Greater Sudbury watersheds effective 7 PM, April 11, 2020. This statement will remain in effect until April 17, 2020.

The current Environment Canada forecast for the rest of the weekend indicates warmer temperatures during the day and cooler at night with significant precipitation expected between Monday and Tuesday. A low pressure system moving into northeast and south-central Ontario is expected to deliver about 15 – 35 mm of mixed rain and snow.

Water levels in most streams remain high from the ongoing snowmelt and will remain elevated for some time. If the forecast amount of rain is received, water levels will rise quickly and the runoff will result in faster-flowing waters. The inundation of low-lying areas, adjacent to watercourses with a history of flooding, will occur.

Public safety is the number one priority, especially for children who may be attracted to the edge of streams. At this time, with children off school and with widespread attention on the pandemic, those families living near lakes and rivers should pay special attention to changing water conditions. The cold, fast-flowing water must be avoided. Stream banks will be very slippery and unsafe and must be avoided. Any open-water areas will continue to widen and these must also be avoided.

Water levels will not decrease rapidly and developing conditions must be closely monitored by all residents especially those living in known low-lying, hazard areas where overland flooding could become an issue.

Conservation Sudbury remains in direct contact with the City of Greater Sudbury 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