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

SUDBURY – Conservation Sudbury is updating the flood status of the Wanapitei River downstream of Wanapitei Lake to **Water Safety**. This is effective 11:00 AM November 3, 2020; this watershed conditions statement will remain in effect until November 9, 2020.

The Environment Canada forecast for the rest of the week indicates warmer temperatures during the day and cooler at night with no major precipitation in sight.

Water levels and stream flows on the Wanapitei River are high from the recent rain and will remain elevated for some time. The inundation of low-lying areas, adjacent to watercourses with a history of flooding, continues.

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 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