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Watershed Conditions Statements – Flood Outlook and Water Safety

SUDBURY – Conservation Sudbury is issuing a **Flood Outlook** for the Junction Creek watershed and for the Romford Creek watershed. Romford Creek flows through parts of Coniston before joining Coniston Creek.

For all other watercourses within the City of Greater Sudbury, **Water Safety** messaging is being maintained. Both statements are effective 3:00 PM today and remain in effect until 10:00 AM on April 24, 2019.

According to Environment Canada, a Colorado low merging with a Texas low is forecast to move in tonight bringing significant precipitation across the Province. This system is expected to bring 20 - 40 mm of rain in the next 48 hours followed by warmer temperatures through the Easter weekend.

Current water levels and flows on all watercourses in our area are elevated but within seasonal range. The upper reaches of watersheds still have significant snowpack, holding about 150 mm of water content. The combination of rainfall and warm temperatures will produce significant runoff resulting in higher flows and water levels. Smaller and urbanized watercourses like Junction and Romford Creeks can react much more quickly to high intensity rainfall than larger rivers will.

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. Open water areas often found at the edges of ice-covered lakes will continue to widen and these must also be avoided.

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.

For more information please visit ConservationSudbury.ca

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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.



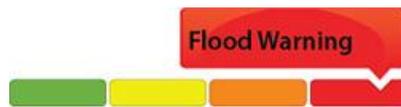
Watershed Conditions Statement - Flood Outlook

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