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Watershed Conditions Statements – Flood Watch

SUDBURY – Conservation Sudbury is maintaining a **Flood Watch** for the Wanapitei River System including Wanapitei Lake. This statement is effective from 2:00 PM today and remains in effect until 10:00 AM on May 30, 2019.

Runoff from the recent rain event has added to the river that was already flowing high. This has resulted in localized flooding along some shoreline sections and certain low-lying areas. The water level in Wanapitei Lake remains high with high outflows continuing into the Wanapitei River. The river will remain elevated for some time to come until the peak flow has passed.

Neighbourhoods adjacent to the river in the towns of Wahnapiatae and Wanup and waterfront properties on Wanapitei Lake are experiencing shoreline flooding. Elevated water levels, flows and wave action can lead to increased erosion.

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.

Public safety is the number one priority, especially for children who may be attracted to the edge of creeks or rivers. Cold, fast-flowing waters 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 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