

**Flood Warning: York River****Flood Watch: Little Mississippi River, Madawaska River****Watershed Conditions Statement - Flood Outlook:  
Remainder of Bancroft District****NEWS**Friday, May 04, 2018  
**4:00pm**

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry - Bancroft District is advising area residents that a Flood Watch is now in effect for the Madawaska River. A Flood Warning remains in effect for the York River. A Flood Watch remains in effect for the Little Mississippi River watershed. A Watershed Conditions Statement – Flood Outlook remains in effect for the remainder of Bancroft District.

Residents of Bancroft District should keep a close watch on conditions, regularly check for updated messages and exercise caution near fast-moving rivers and streams. Please alert any children under your care to these dangers and supervise their activities. Residents who have a historic susceptibility to flooding should take appropriate precautions to protect their property, such as ensuring sump pumps are functioning and securing items that may float away as water levels rise.

MNRF is closely monitoring the weather and developing watershed conditions. Further updates will be issued as appropriate.

**TECHNICAL INFORMATION*****Description of Weather System***

This message is being sent on the basis of information received from MNRF - Surface Water Monitoring Centre, MNRF - Aviation Forest Fire and Emergency Management Services, Trent Severn Waterway and Environment Canada and observed local conditions.

A low pressure system is tracking across the province today bringing with it overcast conditions and periods of rain with the risk of thunderstorms. The area could see precipitation in the 20 to 25mm range today. Areas forecast to receive severe thunderstorms could see an additional 10 to 25mm in addition to forecast precipitation amounts.

## **Description of Current Conditions**

Most lakes remain about average for this time of year. Lake levels are monitored daily and assessed in relation to estimated runoff amounts. The snow pack has diminished in many locations but remains higher than average for this time of year where it remains in the upper reaches of our watersheds. The levels and flows are subject to a rapid rate of increase driven by the amount of remaining snow and rainfall received and forecast.

The flows on the **Madawaska River** are increasing due to rainfall received and the melting of the snowpack in the headwaters.

The flows on **Burnt River, Irondale River** and **Black River** remain high and above average for this time of year, but have crested and are declining. The forecasted rainfall will either level off or cause the flows to increase again.

**Gull River** reservoir lakes for the most part continue to increase as the remaining snow melts and will continue this trend with the expected rainfall later this week.

Flows on the **York River** and **Little Mississippi River** are high following last week's rain and continued snowmelt. Properties within the floodway will continue to be impacted by flood waters.

The potential exists for nuisance flooding of roadways, ditches, and low lying flood prone areas as the melt progresses.

A close watch on local forecasts and conditions is recommended.

The MNR and the Trent-Severn Waterway (TSW) continue to closely monitor local lakes and rivers as the freshet progresses.

The MNR is in regular communication with partner agencies and water control structure operators, including Conservation Authorities, Ontario Power Generation (OPG), Bracebridge Generation and the TSW.

### **Expiry Date:**

This message will expire on 08/05/2018 11:59 PM

### **Terminology: Notification Levels**

**WATERSHED CONDITIONS STATEMENT – WATER SAFETY:** indicates that high flows, melting ice or other factors could be dangerous for such users as boaters, anglers and swimmers but flooding is not expected

**WATERSHED CONDITIONS STATEMENT – FLOOD OUTLOOK:** gives early notice of the potential for flooding based on weather forecasts calling for heavy rain, snow melt, high winds or other conditions

**FLOOD WATCH:** potential for flooding exists within specific watercourses and municipalities

**FLOOD WARNING:** flooding is imminent or occurring within specific watercourses and municipalities

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A close watch on local conditions and weather forecasts from Environment Canada is recommended. Environment Canada bulletins can be found at <http://weather.gc.ca/>

The Surface Water Monitoring Centre public webpage can be found here:

[www.ontario.ca/flooding](http://www.ontario.ca/flooding)

Parks Canada Water Management Updates can be found here: <https://www.pc.gc.ca/en/lhn-nhs/on/trentsevern/info/infonet>