



Message # 2026-09

Issued: 3:00 p.m., Thursday April 09, 2026

SUBJECT: FLOOD WATCH issued for the Trent Severn-Waterway WATERSHED CONDITIONS STATEMENT – WATER SAFETY issued for local watercourses in the jurisdiction of Otonabee Conservation.

ISSUED TO: Municipalities, water management authorities, Indigenous communities, Ministry of Natural Resources, and Otonabee Conservation’s other partners in flood emergency management.

WEATHER: In the Haliburton-Reservoir Lakes region, the remainder of this week is dominated by warm days and below-freezing nights. Next week features a multi-day period of sustained above-freezing temperatures coupled with rain. In the Otonabee Region watershed, warm temperatures on Thursday will be followed by a brief cool-down and approximately 5 mm of rain on Friday and clearing on Saturday. Starting Sunday, the region will experience increased temperatures and rain is expected.

FLOOD RISK-TRENT-SEVERN WATERWAY: Recent rain and warm temperatures have triggered spring freshet conditions in the Haliburton-Reservoir Lakes region, resulting in rising water levels and flows on the hydrologically connected Trent-Severn Waterway within the jurisdiction of Otonabee Conservation. Water levels and flows are expected to continue increasing during the next seven days. As a result, flooding is possible, particularly in low-lying areas. Increased water levels and flows are also expected to break up remaining ice.

FLOOD RISK-LOCAL WATERCOURSES: Local water levels and flows have peaked and are receding. As a result of the forecasted precipitation and temperatures, expect a return to rising water levels and flows, but no flooding.

ACTION: Municipalities, Indigenous communities, local water managers, emergency services and individual landowners along the shores of the Trent-Severn Waterway should monitor conditions and take precautions. Unsafe conditions will persist on and around all area watercourses, including unstable banks, extremely cold water and fast and turbulent flows. Water levels can be monitored at [Trent-Severn Waterway](#), [Water Survey of Canada](#) and [Otonabee Conservation](#) websites.

This **FLOOD WATCH and WATERSHED CONDITIONS STATEMENT** will expire **Thursday, April 16, 2026, at 3:00p.m.** unless up-dated earlier.

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