



Message # 2026-06

Issued: 4:00 p.m., Wednesday March 18, 2026

**SUBJECT: Flood Watch for the Trent Severn-Waterway
Watershed Condition Statement – Water Safety for local watercourses**

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

WEATHER: In the Haliburton-Reservoir Lakes region of the Trent-Severn Waterway (TSW), recent above freezing temperatures and precipitation generated substantial run-off to the watercourses that flow south into the Kawartha Lakes. Currently, the snowpack across the Haliburton-Reservoir region is above average for this time of year and has reduced capacity to absorb further snowmelt or rainfall.

FLOOD RISK: Increased flows from the Haliburton-Reservoir Lakes region is causing water levels and flows on the Kawartha Lakes and Otonabee River to increase. As a result, there is potential for nuisance to minor-level flooding of low-lying, flood vulnerable areas on the shores of the Kawartha Lakes and the Otonabee River, starting this week and continuing through next week. Changing water levels and flows on the Kawartha Lakes may cause the ice cover to break up.

Local watercourses continue to flow at hazardously high levels and flows, but flooding of local watercourses is not expected and a Watershed Conditions Statement – Water Safety will remain in effect.

ACTION: Municipalities, Indigenous communities, local water managers, and Otonabee Conservation’s other partners in flood emergency management are advised to monitor conditions and prepare for potential flooding along the Kawartha Lakes and the Otonabee River within the jurisdiction of Otonabee Conservation. Water levels can be monitored at [Trent-Severn Waterway](#), [Water Survey of Canada](#) and [Otonabee Conservation](#) websites.

This **FLOOD WATCH** message will expire **Thursday, March 26, 2026, at 3:00p.m.** unless up-dated earlier.

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