

# Rideau Valley Conservation Authority Watershed Conditions Bulletin

## UPDATE — Flood Watch Ended

RIDEAU VALLEY, January 14, 2008 — With the return to more seasonal temperatures, Rideau Valley stream and lake levels receded through the weekend after peaking on Thursday.

According to weather forecasts for eastern Ontario, temperatures are expected to remain below freezing through the week which will cause water levels to continue a gradual decline.

The only instance of flooding reported to the Conservation Authority in the watershed was nuisance flooding of an access road near Kemptville.

This high water event was unusual for this time of year with near record temperatures for three consecutive days. The peak flow measured in Ottawa was the highest ever recorded in January at 319 cubic metres per second (average spring peak flow is approximately 400 m<sup>3</sup>/s).

With flows still high and ice reforming, conditions around lakes and streams are unsafe. Everyone is advised to be cautious around watercourses. Parents need to supervise their children and make them aware of the dangers around our rivers, creeks and streams.

This update bulletin marks the end of the Conservation Authority Flood Watch for this time. RVCA staff will continue to monitor river flows and watershed conditions as part of its flood forecasting and warning program. Weather forecasts are monitored and estimates of expected river flows and water levels are prepared on a daily basis. Messages appropriate to flow events will be issued as required.

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