

News Release

Rideau Valley Conservation Authority Watershed Conditions Bulletin

RIDEAU VALLEY, January 4, 2008 — Based on current snow conditions, along with a five-day forecast for increased temperatures and rainfall, the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority (RVCA) advises that water levels are expected to rise over the next five days.

In particular, ice jams may occur at culverts, low bridges or narrow channels of local creeks and streams. Possible areas of concern include:

- Kemptville Creek near the Town of Kemptville
- Jock River from the town of Richmond to Nepean
- Stevens Creek through the village of North Gower
- Lower Rideau River in the downtown Ottawa area

Municipal offices should review their flood response plans at this time and be prepared to respond to emergency situations as required starting as soon as late Sunday, January 6.

Those living near a watercourse should prepare themselves for flood risks in their areas and review their own plans for minimizing flood-related property damages.

Everyone is advised to be cautious around watercourses. Parents need to supervise their children and make them aware of the danger of unstable ice and increasing flows.

The role of the Conservation Authority is to provide early warning of developing flood situations and continuous monitoring and analysis through an event. Timely and useful information will be provided to municipal and provincial emergency response personnel on the severity and duration of the event.

The RVCA continues 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. Updates will be issued as required.

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