

Rideau Valley Conservation Authority Flood Warning Update Statement

Lake Levels Will Continue to be High for Several Days

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April 24, 2014 – Lake levels in the upper Rideau River watershed continue to be high.

The level on Upper Rideau Lake has fallen below the upper limit of the operational range. However, Wolfe and Big Rideau Lakes are not likely to fall back within their operational ranges until April 29 to May 1 at the present rates of decline. Rain tomorrow may slow the recession on both of these lakes.

Bobs Lake level has stayed at the same elevation for the last two days. However, Christie Lake level continues to rise with flow from tributaries adding to the outflow from Bobs Lake. Both remain above capacity and flooding persists. Parks Canada staff will make adjustments at the Bobs Lake Dam as conditions allow.

The risk of an increase in flows on the Tay River in Perth remains as flows out of Christie Lake move downstream. Only the parks that were flooded last week are likely to be affected by any increased flows.

Once more, residents in the watershed are reminded that the spring runoff flows are cold and fast-moving. Streams and lakes should be avoided.

If you have filled sandbags ready for disposal — do not dump the contents into the water or on the floodplain.

The “Flood Warning” status will be continued until full access to the presently flooded areas is restored. RVCA will continue to monitor weather forecasts, river flows and water levels.

This message will remain in effect until conditions change.

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"Rideau Valley Conservation Authority is a partnership of municipalities within the Rideau Valley watershed created under the Conservation Authorities Act to deliver a range of programs in watershed management and natural resource conservation."

"Onset of flooding stage" is defined for each flood vulnerable community as the river level at which access routes serving existing residences are inundated, giving rise to public safety hazards.

RVCA Watershed Conditions Statements:

- *Water Safety – High flows, unstable banks, melting ice or other factors that could be dangerous for recreational users such as anglers, canoeists, hikers, children, pets, etc. Flooding is not expected.*
- *Flood Outlook – Early notice of the potential for flooding based on weather forecasts, calling for heavy rain, snow melt, high winds or other conditions that could lead to high runoff, cause ice jams and/or lakeshore flooding or erosion.*
- *Flood Watch – Flooding is possible in specific watercourses or municipalities. Municipalities, emergency services and individuals in flood prone areas should prepare.*
- *Flood Warning – Flooding is imminent or already occurring in specific watercourses*