

**Watershed Conditions Statement - Water Safety  
MNRF Parry Sound District  
Muskoka River Watershed**

**NEWS**

Friday, July 14, 2017

12:30 pm

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) – Parry Sound District is advising area residents that a Watershed Conditions Statement - Water Safety is in effect for the District Municipality of Muskoka.

Residents within the Parry Sound-Muskoka area should keep a close watch on conditions and exercise caution around water bodies as flows and levels within rivers and streams remain higher than normal for this time of year.

*MNRF also advises extreme caution when using forest access roads for outdoor activities as many are seasonally inundated with water, prone to washouts and may be impassible due to current water levels.*

MNRF is closely monitoring the weather and developing watershed conditions. Further updates will be issued as appropriate.

**TECHNICAL INFORMATION****Description of Weather System**

This message is being sent based on information received from MNRF - Surface Water Monitoring Centre, MNRF - Aviation Forest Fire and Emergency Management Services and Environment Canada.

A series of low pressure systems are tracking through the province, intermittently, through to Sunday. This weather pattern results unsettled weather conditions in the province and is likely to bring rain and thunderstorm for portions of the district through this period and beyond.

Unsettled conditions will persist intermittently through the weekend with a risk of thunderstorms anywhere in areas covered under this message.

**Description of Current Conditions**

Current water levels and flows are higher than normal for this time of year, due to higher than normal precipitation amounts.

Close attention should be paid to local flood conditions reports from conservation authorities and municipalities, and as always, a close watch on meteorological conditions, including thunderstorm alerts, is recommended.

**Expiry Date:**

This message will expire on Monday, July 17 2017, 09:00 AM

**Terminology: Notification Levels**

**WATERSHED CONDITIONS STATEMENT – WATER SAFETY:** indicates that high flows, melting ice or other factors could be dangerous for such users as boaters, anglers and swimmers but flooding is not expected.

**WATERSHED CONDITIONS STATEMENT - FLOOD OUTLOOK:** gives early notice of the potential for flooding based on weather forecasts calling for heavy rain, snow melt, high winds or other conditions

**FLOOD WATCH:** potential for flooding exists within specific watercourses and municipalities

**FLOOD WARNING:** flooding is imminent or occurring within specific watercourses and municipalities.

**Contact Information**

For more information please contact:

Parry Sound District MNRF Water Management Department  
705-646-5531

A close watch on local conditions and weather forecasts from Environment Canada is recommended. Environment Canada bulletins can be found at <http://weather.gc.ca/>

The Surface Water Monitoring Centre public webpage can be found here: <http://www.ontario.ca/flooding>