

## **Flood Warning**

### **Parry Sound - Muskoka**

**NEWS****Tuesday, April 22, 2014  
5:00 pm**

The Ministry of Natural Resources - Parry Sound District is advising area residents that a **Flood Warning** remains in effect.

Residents within the Parry Sound-Muskoka area are advised that some additional or prolonged flooding will occur within known flood-prone areas of many rivers and lakes. Recent warm air temperatures and rainfall has now accelerated the melting rate of the remaining snow pack with an increased runoff into local waterbodies.

High water levels or flooding will occur over the next 24-48 hours within Lake Muskoka and the Moon River as part of the lower Muskoka River sub-watershed.

Residents are advised to keep a close watch on conditions, regularly check for updated messages and exercise caution around rivers and lakes as high water levels and flows continue. There is the potential for higher water levels and flows than what is currently being experienced.

Residents may wish to take action to protect property in flood-prone or vulnerable areas.

MNR is closely monitoring the weather and developing watershed conditions. Further updates to this *Flood Warning* will be issued as appropriate.

#### **Description of Weather System**

The current weather forecast through to Saturday April 26th is for daytime temperatures in the range of 5-10 degrees Celsius with near freezing nighttime temperatures. Today's forecast is calling for a range of 3-30mm of rainfall Friday through Saturday.

#### **Description of Current Conditions**

A significant amount of the remaining snowpack has melted in recent days due to warm air temperature and rainfall, increasing the runoff into local river systems. A significant amount of snow still remains within local watersheds at higher elevation areas including the western slopes of Algonquin Park; the headwaters of some local river systems. Forecasted temperatures and rainfall will continue to melt the remaining snow pack with continued runoff into local river systems and lakes.

**Expiry Date:** This message will expire Friday April 25, 2014; 5:00 pm

**Terminology: Notification Levels**

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

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.

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:***

Ministry of Natural Resources Parry Sound District: **705-646-5509 or 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:  
[www.ontario.ca/flooding](http://www.ontario.ca/flooding)

