

## **Flood Watch**

### **Bancroft District**

#### **NEWS**

Monday, May 05, 2014  
(2:00 pm)

The Ministry of Natural Resources - Bancroft District, Minden Field Office is advising area residents that **a Flood Warning issued for the Gull River Watershed has been downgraded to a Flood Watch**. Residents should take necessary action to protect property and monitor developing conditions closely. People are asked to stay away from fast-moving rivers and streams

MNR 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 on the basis of information received from MNR - Surface Water Monitoring Centre, MNR - Aviation Forest Fire and Emergency Management Services, Trent Severn Waterway and Environment Canada.

The forecast is calling for 10-15mm of rain from Monday May 5, 2014 to Friday May 9, 2014. Temperatures are anticipated to range from 12-20° Celsius during the day and remain above freezing overnight. The forecasted precipitation should not impact local water levels.

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

While the snowpack has melted, mild temperatures, rain and melted snow have combined to increase water levels and flow velocities in reservoir lakes and local rivers and streams. The ground is saturated in most locations.

**Municipalities and residents should continue to closely monitor low lying and flood prone areas along the Gull River. Under anticipated conditions it is possible that overtopping of some roads and flooding of some properties may occur, particularly in flood prone areas within the Village of Minden. Rotary Park is currently closed due to high water.**

The Gull River through the Village of Minden continues to be over bank full despite water levels on the river dropping slightly over the weekend. TSW officials advise that the reservoirs are approaching 100% of their storage capacity and continue to rise slowly. As lakes continue to fill, water levels on the Gull River are expected to stay high and may

fluctuate frequently. This trend is expected to continue through the week. The dams downstream of Minden are open and water continues to flow through the system. TSW officials assess the situation daily and adjust flows through water control structures to manage the water as it works its way through the system of reservoir lakes and rivers. The MNR and TSW are communicating regularly to closely monitor conditions across the watershed.

The MNR is also in regular communication with other partner agencies, including Conservation Authorities and Ontario Power Generation (OPG).

**Expiry Date:**

This message will expire on Thursday, May 08 2014, 05:00 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**

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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)