



# **LAKEHEAD REGION**

CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## **WATERSHED CONDITIONS STATEMENT – FLOOD OUTLOOK**

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The Lakehead Region Conservation Authority has issued a Flood Outlook Statement for the Lakehead Region including: City of Thunder Bay, Municipalities of Neebing, Oliver Paipooonge, Shuniah and the Townships of O'Connor, Conmee, Gillies and Dorion.

Precipitation is forecasted to begin Wednesday overnight continuing through to Friday. Significant rainfall is possible with the potential for heavy rain due to thunderstorms. Some area watercourses remain high in response to the spring melt. Area watercourses are expected to rise in response to any precipitation, especially in the upper watersheds where there is remaining snowpack. Widespread flooding is not anticipated; however, fast flowing water and flooding in low lying areas and roadways may be expected in flood prone areas.

The Neebing-McIntyre Floodway is continuing to divert flows. Flows have been diverting for 13 days so far this spring, which is the first-time flows have diverted in the last five years.

The public is advised to pay attention to local forecasts, and exercise caution in and around area waterways. High flows and unstable banks could be dangerous. Additionally, never drive through a flooded road.

A Flood Outlook is issued to provide early notice of the potential for flooding based on weather forecasts calling for heavy rain, snow melt, high wind, or other conditions.

Authority Staff will continue to monitor conditions as part of its flood forecasting and warning program. Additional messages will only be sent out if warranted.

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