

GRCA Issues Watershed Conditions Statement – February 2016

The Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority advises that a weather system will begin pushing into the watershed later this evening bringing precipitation with rain. As the system intensifies, heavier rainfall is forecast for overnight into Wednesday.

With total rainfall amounts forecast to be in the range of 15 to 30 mm over the next 24 hours, water levels and flows in local streams will be on the rise. The remaining snowpack will also be melting and contributing runoff, while frozen ground conditions may prevent infiltration resulting in additional runoff to local streams. All water bodies, including ponds, streams and many ditches will be flowing higher than normal. No flooding is anticipated at this time.

Additionally, slippery stream banks, and fast flowing, cold water will create hazardous conditions around bodies of water. As a result, local streams and rivers will become dangerous, especially in the vicinity of culverts and bridges. Children should be warned to stay away from all watercourses.

This Watershed Conditions Statement will be in effect through Wednesday, February 3, 2016. Conservation Authority staff will continue to monitor watershed conditions and provide updates as necessary. Should you have any questions or wish to report flooding, please contact the following GRCA staff at 905-885-8173.

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