

Watershed Conditions Statement - Flood Outlook

Peterborough Bancroft District

Wednesday, April 01, 2026

The Ministry of Natural Resources– Peterborough Bancroft District is advising area residents that a Watershed Conditions Statement - Flood Outlook is in effect in the District until Wednesday, April 15, 2026.

Residents in the Peterborough Bancroft District area are advised to be aware of current watershed conditions. Water levels in lakes and rivers are increasing and will continue to rise over the coming weeks.

Residents are reminded to keep a close watch on weather conditions, regularly check for updated messages, and exercise caution near fast-moving rivers and streams.

Residents who have been affected by high water and flow conditions in the past should continue to take necessary action to protect/secure any vulnerable property in proximity to rivers and lakes and closely monitor developing conditions.

The Ministry advises residents to exercise extreme caution concerning ice conditions. No ice is safe ice.

The Ministry is closely monitoring the weather and evolving watershed conditions. Further updates will be issued as appropriate.

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Description of Weather System

An estimated 40mm of precipitation is forecasted over the next 5 days with further warm weather and rainfall expected in the 14-day forecast.

Throughout the 14-day forecast daytime highs are expected to range from 2°C to 18°C and evening lows range from -5°C to 4°C.

Description of Current Conditions

Snow survey data indicates that the water content in the remaining snowpack is slightly above average for this time of year across the northern half of the District.

Water levels in most lakes and rivers are typical for this time of year. Water levels will increase as a result of the melting snowpack and forecasted rainfall.

DEFINITIONS

- **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
- **SHORELINE CONDITIONS STATEMENT – WATER SAFETY:** indicates that **along the Great Lakes shorelines high water**, melting ice or other factors could be dangerous but flooding is not expected.
- **SHORELINE CONDITIONS STATEMENT – FLOOD OUTLOOK:** gives early notice of the potential for flooding **along the Great Lakes shorelines** based on weather and lake conditions, and water safety information.
- **FLOOD WATCH:** potential for flooding exists within specific watercourses and municipalities
- **FLOOD WARNING:** flooding is imminent or occurring within specific watercourses and municipalities.

LEARN MORE

- Surface Water Monitoring Centre public webpage www.ontario.ca/page/surface-water-monitoring-centre
- Environment Canada bulletins: www.weather.gc.ca
- A close watch on local conditions and weather forecasts from Environment and Climate Change Canada is recommended.