

**Flood Watch**  
**Bancroft-Peterborough District**  
**Including Upper Madawaska River Watershed**

Wednesday, April 12, 2023  
4:00 pm

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) – **Bancroft Work Centre** is advising area residents that a **Flood Watch** is in effect until Wednesday, April 19, 2023. This message will affect residents within Bancroft local area of the MNRF Bancroft-Peterborough District. River sections included in this Flood Watch are: **York River between Baptiste Lake and Bancroft.**

Runoff to local lakes and rivers is increasing significantly with increasingly warmer temperatures in the forecast. River flows in certain areas may rise to flood thresholds with increased runoff.

Residents should note flows through water control structures will be gradually increasing to keep water levels within targets for this time of year. These flows are being managed to mitigate, as much as possible, the impacts from snowmelt and rainfall. Due to the increased flows and recent warm temperatures, ice formation on lakes can be very unsafe.

The ministry 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 MNRF's Surface Water Monitoring Centre and Environment Canada.

Daytime highs over the next week are forecasted to range between +9°C and +23°C while nighttime lows range between +2°C and +10°C in the area.

**Description of Current Conditions**

Increasingly warm day time temperatures are continuing to melt a snowpack that is above average for the season. Run-off from this melt will continue to contribute to increasing water

levels in the region.

Flows will continue to increase at water control structures throughout the week and into early next week.

The MNRF continues to closely monitor local lakes and rivers as this event progresses. The MNRF is in regular communication with partner agencies and water control structure operators, including Conservation Authorities, Ontario Power Generation (OPG), and Bracebridge Generation.

## 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
- **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/flooding](http://www.ontario.ca/flooding)
- Environment Canada bulletins: [www.weather.gc.ca](http://www.weather.gc.ca)
- A close watch on local conditions and weather forecasts from Environment Canada is recommended.

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