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Municipality of Clarington
Township of Brock
Township of Galway-Cavendish
& Harvey
Township of Cavan Monaghan

FLOOD ADVISORY

DATE: March 4, 2011
TIME: 11:00 a.m.

Message sent on the basis of information received from:

**Kawartha Conservation Flood Forecasting Network
MNR – Surface Water Monitoring Centre
Environment Canada**

A **Flood Advisory** is now in effect for the Kawartha Conservation watershed.

Up to 40 mm of precipitation with amounts in excess of 50 mm in some locations is expected in our watershed over the weekend, according to the current weather forecast. A low pressure system will move slowly through southern Ontario bringing mild temperatures and abundant rain beginning Friday afternoon, before moving out of our watershed on Sunday.

The combination of warmer temperatures, rain, snowmelt and frozen ground conditions will produce significant runoff resulting in high water levels and flows in local rivers and creeks. Ice break-up, where it exists, and subsequent ice jams are possible, especially in vicinities of culverts and bridges.

Under these circumstances, some watercourses are expected to overtop their banks. Localized flooding in areas adjacent to watercourses, low-lying areas, road ditches and areas with poor drainage can be expected Saturday through Sunday. Road flooding in certain locations is also possible.

Municipal emergency services are advised to keep a close watch on areas that are historically known for flooding and be prepared to respond to emergencies as they occur.

Residents are advised to watch local conditions and contact their municipality in the event of a flood threat.

Kawartha Conservation is asking residents and children to stay well back from all watercourses, as well as water structures such as bridges, culverts and dams. Riverbanks and remaining ice cover are extremely unsafe.

Kawartha Conservation will continue to monitor local watercourses on a 24-hour basis and will inform the public and watershed municipalities of any changes. To report flooding, or if you have any flooding concerns, please contact Kawartha Conservation at 705.328.2271 or 705.344.0155 after hours.

This message will be in effect through Monday, March 7, 2011 when an update or cancellation will be issued.

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Note: A Flood Advisory serves to notify municipalities and the public that the potential for flooding exists. Under advisory status conditions, affected municipalities and residents are advised about the potential for an increase in water levels and flows. Affected residents should be aware of the potential for flooding and subsequent risk to public safety and property damage. Municipalities should be prepared to respond to flooding problems.

