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water within a
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our watershed municipalities:**

City of Kawartha Lakes

Region of Durham

Township of Scugog

Municipality of Clarington

Township of Brock

Township of Galway-Cavendish
& Harvey

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WATERSHED CONDITIONS BULLETIN

DATE: March 12, 2010
TIME: 9:00 a.m.

Message sent on the basis of information received from:

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

A weather system from Southwestern United States is moving into the Kawartha Conservation watershed today and will remain throughout the weekend. The temperature is forecast to reach highs of 7-10°C, with up to 20 millimetres of rain possible over the next three days.

The warmer temperatures this past week have melted much of the snow pack; the resulting runoff has caused water levels in rivers and creeks throughout the watershed to rise. Over the next three days, significant runoff is expected due to the combination of snowmelt, rain and frozen soil conditions. This will result in elevated water levels and fast moving water in rivers and creeks across the watershed.

These increased water flows may lift the ice cover and create blockages at culverts and bridges. Water is expected to accumulate in low-lying areas, areas adjacent to watercourses and road ditches. Smaller streams and creeks will respond quickly; it will take larger water bodies longer to react.

Under these circumstances, local rivers, streams and lakes will become dangerous. Ice cover will be unsafe and riverbanks extremely slippery.

As children begin their March break, Kawartha Conservation is reminding parents and caregivers to be alert to the dangers that exist near water and lakes, rivers and ditches.

Municipalities are advised to monitor their local watercourses closely and be prepared to respond to high water situations as they occur.

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

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Note: A Watershed Conditions Bulletin is a general notice about existing or potential conditions that may pose a risk to personal safety. Watershed Conditions Bulletins may be issued when streams are flowing at or near bankfull levels, when ice conditions are unsafe, or when stream banks are icy, soft and/or slippery.