

Forecast Rain will Impact Long Reach Waterfront Communities

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April 5, 2017 – A rainfall in the order of fifty millimetres forecast for Thursday and into Friday in eastern Ontario is expected to cause flooding of waterfront communities on the **Long Reach of the Rideau River** between Kars and Kemptville.

Hilly Lane, Cedar Beach, Rideau Glen, Fairmile, Greenline, Lorne Bridge and other low-lying neighbourhoods on the Long Reach can be expected to have access road flooding by mid-day Thursday. Some encroachment of flood waters can also be expected in Ottawa South on Belmont Avenue and Rideau River Drive at Belmont as well as into Windsor Park. Brantwood Park is expected to be flooded but the streets behind the park are likely to stay dry.

With elevated water levels in all watercourses in the watershed and ice still present, we advise everybody to stay away. Thirty centimetres of moving water can be hazardous to walk in and icy surfaces compound the danger.

Conservation Authority staff will continue to monitor conditions and will issue updates as conditions change. Peak flows are expected to be reached Friday night or early Saturday and water levels will be receding next week.

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RVCA Watershed Conditions Statements:

- *Water Safety – High flows, unstable banks, melting ice or other factors that could be dangerous for recreational users such as anglers, canoeists, hikers, children, pets, etc. Flooding is not expected.*
- *Flood Outlook – Early notice of the potential for flooding based on weather forecasts, calling for heavy rain, snow melt, high winds or other conditions that could lead to high runoff, cause ice jams and/or lakeshore flooding or erosion.*
- *Flood Watch – Flooding is possible in specific watercourses or municipalities. Municipalities, emergency services and individuals in flood prone areas should prepare.*
- *Flood Warning – Flooding is imminent or already occurring in area watercourses.*