

News Release

STREAMFLOWS ABOVE NORMAL: CAUTION ADVISED

MANOTICK, November 16, 2006 — September and October were very wet months in Eastern Ontario this year and the trend has continued into November. The result is a lot of water everywhere, all headed toward the lakes and rivers. As a result, flows in the Rideau River and its many tributaries are above normal for this time of year.

As a result of increased rain in the fall, flows throughout the watershed typically increase from the lows of the summer months. Higher fall flows are part of the normal yearly pattern. Some low-lying farm fields may be flooded in the valley but the impact is expected to be minimal depending on the amount of precipitation over the next few days. Significant flooding is not expected to occur.

Environment Canada reports that it expects the wet trend to continue through November giving us a wetter than normal period. The 30-year average for the month is 80.1 millimetres of precipitation. The weather experts have already measured over half that total of rain in Ottawa in the first two weeks of November.

All streams, particularly smaller ones that have been running full for the last few days, will have very cold, fast-flowing water. There is a risk in being too close to these powerful currents. With the banks wet and very slippery, everyone is advised to stay away. Parents need to instruct their children accordingly.

Authority staff will be monitoring weather and streamflow conditions daily and updates to this bulletin will be issued as warranted.

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