

# Rideau Valley Conservation Authority

## FLOOD WARNING — TERMINATION

*This message is to terminate the Flood Warning issued by this office on April 11, 2008.  
Further messages will be issued as required.*

Monday, April 14, 2008 — Warning Number: 4/08 — Local rivers and streams in the Rideau River Valley reached peak levels over the last five days and have begun to decline slowly. Present forecasts are calling for warmer, dry weather through the rest of the week, which will cause the remaining snow to melt. Runoff from the melt will slow the decline in water levels but will not cause any significant increases.

The high water that residents in the Rideau Glen to Hilly Lane area of the Rideau have experienced for the last week has receded only about 10 centimetres so far from the highest level reached early Sunday morning. At this rate, the floodwaters will be out of those neighbourhoods by next weekend. Street flooding in the Windsor Park area of Old Ottawa South will have noted a decline already and can expect to have free passage on Belmont and Fentiman Avenues within a couple of days.

This winter had the second highest snowfall with the second highest water equivalent of the snowpack on March 15, but lower than normal temperatures and lack of rain resulted in only the sixth highest peak flow on the Rideau since continuous flow records started in 1971. Still, the peak flows were close to 1:5 year spring flood levels. There is a 20 percent chance, each and every spring, of these conditions being reached or exceeded as a result of snowmelt and rainfall runoff.

The water is still high and moving fast in many locations. Everybody is advised to be extremely cautious if they have to be near a river or stream.

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More Information:

Rideau Valley Conservation Authority  
613-692-3571 or 1-800-267-3504 (within 613 area code)

To compare the peak flows and levels this year to previous years click on the Flood Forecasting and Warning picture on our webpage at [www.rvca.ca](http://www.rvca.ca). Scroll down to the Watershed Conditions dial to go to the Streamflow and Water Level Conditions and then click on Peak Flow Comparison.

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Rideau Valley Conservation Authority is a partnership of municipalities within the Rideau Valley watershed created under the Conservation Authorities Act to deliver a range of programs in watershed management and natural resource conservation. The RVCA Flood Forecasting and Warning Program is done under a delegated responsibility from the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and in conjunction with Parks Canada-Rideau Canal for the residents and municipalities of the watershed.