

Rideau Valley Conservation Authority Watershed Conditions Bulletin

RIDEAU VALLEY WATERSHED: January 25, 2010 — Present weather forecasts call for rainfall to continue into this evening with a total amount of 50 to 60 mm expected. Much of that will remain in the snow but some will run off to the rivers and streams. The Rideau Valley Conservation Authority expects the result to be increased water levels but no overbank flooding. The risk of ice-jam related localized flooding exists. Water levels will continue to rise into the evening but colder temperatures overnight and through the rest of the week will cause levels to decline.

Safety issues resulting from unstable ice and fast flowing water are a concern. Everyone is advised to be cautious around watercourses. Parents need to supervise their children and make them aware of the dangers around our rivers, creeks and streams.

The role of the Conservation Authority is to provide early warning of developing flood situations and continuous monitoring and analysis through an event. Timely and useful information will be provided to municipal and provincial emergency response personnel on the severity and duration of the event.

The RVCA continues to monitor river flows and watershed conditions as part of its flood forecasting and warning program. Weather forecasts are monitored and estimates of expected river flows and water levels are prepared on a daily basis. Updates will be issued as required.

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