

MEDIA RELEASE

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GENERAL FLOOD ADVISORY ISSUED

Sudbury... As of 12:30 p.m., Friday, April 3, 2009, the Nickel District Conservation Authority (NDCA) has issued a general flood advisory for all watershed areas within the City of Greater Sudbury. Recent rainfall events, melting snow, and the heavy rainfall being experienced at this time, have caused all watercourses to rise rapidly. This includes areas along and near Junction Creek, Whitson Creek, Coniston Creek, etc. Water levels can be expected to keep rising along all sections of these watercourses, from top to bottom, as this major rainfall event continues in the area and the runoff reaches the watercourses over the next 24 to 48 hours. Ground conditions in some areas are still frozen and in some areas the ground is saturated thereby no longer being able to absorb the runoff.

Local inflows to the larger river systems, namely, the Wanapitei, Vermilion and Onaping, have increased as well and low lying areas near these systems will see marked increases in water levels. However, the northern headwaters of these major river systems are still not expected to begin the full spring runoff for sometime yet.

All agencies involved in responding to and monitoring the runoff and melt are actively engaged. Information is being exchanged between all the agencies in order to manage the situation as best possible. All citizens, especially children, **MUST** stay away from the cold, rising, fast flowing water. Public safety is of paramount importance at this moment. Residents living in the City of Greater Sudbury who may need assistance due to overland flood waters must call **311**, 24 hours a day.

The NDCA will provide updates for the general public through all local media outlets and post the information on our website at www.nickeldistrict.ca as required until further notice.

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