

Flood Warning

Peterborough Bancroft District

Wednesday, April 22, 2026

The Ministry of Natural Resources– Peterborough Bancroft District is advising area residents that a Flood Warning is in effect in the District until Wednesday, April 29, 2026.

Residents in the Peterborough Bancroft District area are advised to be aware of current watershed conditions. Water levels in lakes and rivers have peaked and will continue to decline over the coming week.

Higher than normal water levels and flow conditions are still occurring throughout the area due to recent rainfall and snowmelt. Slippery stream banks and fast flowing, cold water will create hazardous conditions around all water bodies. Residents are reminded to keep a close watch on weather conditions, regularly check for updated messages, exercise caution near fast moving rivers and streams and maintain close supervision of children and pets.

Residents who have been affected by high water and flow conditions in the past should continue to take necessary action to protect/secure any vulnerable property in proximity to rivers and lakes and closely monitor developing conditions.

The Ministry is closely monitoring the weather and evolving watershed conditions. Further updates will be issued as appropriate.

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Description of Weather System

Daytime highs over the next week are forecast to range from 12 °C to 17 °C, with nighttime lows of 1 °C to 6 °C. Approximately 10 mm of precipitation is forecast toward the end of the seven-day period.

Description of Current Conditions

The Bancroft area received over 80 mm of rainfall over 10 days, falling on a snowpack with an estimated water equivalent of 70–110 mm.

As a result, water levels began sharply increasing on April 12th. Almost all water levels in the northern half of the district reached their maximum levels on April 20th and have begun to decline.

Many locations are still experiencing flooding. Conditions will continue to improve throughout the week as water levels recede.

DEFINITIONS

- **WATERSHED CONDITIONS STATEMENT – WATER SAFETY:** indicates that high flows, melting ice or other factors could be dangerous for such users as boaters, anglers and swimmers but flooding is not expected.
- **WATERSHED CONDITIONS STATEMENT – FLOOD OUTLOOK:** gives early notice of the potential for flooding based on weather forecasts calling for heavy rain, snow melt, high winds or other conditions
- **SHORELINE CONDITIONS STATEMENT – WATER SAFETY:** indicates that **along the Great Lakes shorelines high water**, melting ice or other factors could be dangerous but flooding is not expected.
- **SHORELINE CONDITIONS STATEMENT – FLOOD OUTLOOK:** gives early notice of the potential for flooding **along the Great Lakes shorelines** based on weather and lake conditions, and water safety information.
- **FLOOD WATCH:** potential for flooding exists within specific watercourses and municipalities
- **FLOOD WARNING:** flooding is imminent or occurring within specific watercourses and municipalities.

LEARN MORE

- Surface Water Monitoring Centre public webpage www.ontario.ca/page/surface-water-monitoring-centre
- Environment Canada bulletins: www.weather.gc.ca
- A close watch on local conditions and weather forecasts from Environment and Climate Change Canada is recommended.

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