

FLOOD OUTLOOK: OTTAWA RIVER – TERMINATED



June 7, 2017



South Nation Conservation (SNC) is terminating the Flood Outlook Statement: Ottawa River issued on May 30, 2017.



The Ottawa River Regulation Planning Board has stated: “Recent rainfall and ongoing showers over parts of the basin have slowed water level decline in most locations along the main stem of the Ottawa River. In the next few days, water levels are expected to gradually decline in most locations along the main stem of the Ottawa River.”



Specifically, the SNC jurisdiction received 18 mm of rain yesterday. Environment and Climate Change Canada forecasts no significant rain this week. Water levels between Gatineau and Hawkesbury are expected to recede slowly and flooding is not a concern at this time.



Residents are advised to stay away from watercourses where flows are high and where banks might be unstable. Parents are encouraged to explain these dangers to their children.



Staff will continue to monitor the water levels and weather forecasts as part of the Flood Forecasting and Warning Program and will provide updates in the event conditions change.



The public is encouraged to visit www.nation.on.ca and to also report changes in water-related conditions, soil stress fractures (i.e. cracks in soil), abrupt changes in streambanks, or sudden leaning of trees in their local areas. All feedback and photos can be sent to waterwatch@nation.on.ca, posted on our Facebook page (/SouthNationConservation), or Tweeted to us (@SouthNationCA).



Additional information on Ottawa River levels can be found at www.ottawariver.ca.



For more information please contact the Flood Duty Officers: Geoff Owens at 613-984-2948 ext. 240 or 613-551-9170; or Golam Sharif at 613-984-2948 ext. 373.



Forwarded To: All Flood Forecasting and Warning Directory



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Watershed Conditions Statements:

- **Water Safety:** High flows, unstable banks, melting ice or other factors that could be dangerous for recreational users such as anglers, canoeists, hikers, children, pets, etc. Flooding is not expected.
- **Flood Outlook:** Early notice of the potential for flooding based on weather forecasts, calling for heavy rain, snow melt, high winds or other conditions that could lead to high runoff, cause ice jams and/or lakeshore flooding or erosion.
- **Flood Watch:** Flooding is possible in specific watercourses or municipalities. Municipalities, emergency services and individuals in flood-prone areas should prepare.
- **Flood Warning:** Flooding is imminent or already occurring in specific watercourses or municipalities.