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Flood Advisory Update

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Highlights:

- Peak water levels moving downstream

Peak water levels are moving downstream on the major watercourses of the St. Clair Region. Perch Creek at Sarnia peaked yesterday morning and has fallen over 1 metre (40 inches). Bear Creek at Petrolia and the Sydenham River at Strathroy and at Alvinston peaked yesterday afternoon. Black Creek at Mandaumin Road peaked last night and the Sydenham River at Florence peaked overnight. Peaks on Bear Creek at Brigden and on the Sydenham River at Dresden are expected later today. In Wallaceburg, water levels are relatively stable. Water levels on most upstream drains have receded to their banks. Parkland flooding continues in Petrolia and Strathroy. Roads closures continue in the municipalities of Chatham-Kent, Enniskillen and St. Clair including the following:

Chatham-Kent: Oakdale Road south of Croton Line

Enniskillen: Durham Creek Line at Black Ash Line

Plowing Match Line between Petrolia Line and Rokeby Line

Fairweather Road Between Rokeby Line and Shiloh Line

Fairweather Road between Oil Springs Line and Aberfeldy Line

St. Clair: Waterworks Road north of Courtright Line

Stanley Line east of Kimball Road

Pretty Road north of McCallum Line

Temperatures are forecast to be near seasonal norms for the rest of the week. Precipitation forecast for the week is expected to fall as snow. Winds are expected to continue to be moderate from the southwest today before moving around to the northwest for tonight - this may contribute to higher water levels on the lower Sydenham River but the change in direction this evening should provide some relief.

Municipal staff should continue to monitor local conditions.

Residents are reminded to avoid watercourses and flooded areas due to slippery banks and cold and swift moving water.

The St. Clair Region Conservation Authority will monitor the flood condition of the watersheds in the region and will provide warnings to municipal officials and media in the event conditions develop which could result in the potential of flooding.

Update: As required.
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Confirmation: Confirmation of receipt of this message **is not** required

Types of Flood Bulletins

- *Flood Monitoring/Safety Bulletins* are dual purpose in nature, with Monitoring Bulletins used to report on general watershed conditions to flood coordinators, and Safety Bulletins to remind the general public of general river safety issues.
 - *Flood Advisory Bulletins* are issued when the potential for flooding exists in specific municipalities.
 - *Flood Warning Bulletins* are issued after a forecast has been made and apply to specific flood damage centres where serious flooding appears inevitable.
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