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Flood Advisory Update

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Highlights:

- Strong winds and ice jamming results in high levels at Wallaceburg
- Peak water levels continue moving downstream

This evening, an ice jam on the north branch of the Sydenham River at Wallaceburg has driven levels over its banks. Nelson Street and Water Street are both closed this evening due to flood waters. Sustained winds are falling but gusts continue to be over 50 km/hr. The ice jam is north of Otter Creek and is impacting areas upstream. Municipals officials are reviewing the situation to determine what action can be taken to relieve the ice jam.

Peak water levels are continuing to move downstream on the main branches of the Sydenham River. Water levels peaked on Bear Creek at Brighden this afternoon and are falling at over 3 cm (over 1 inch) per hour. Levels peaked early this evening on the Sydenham River at Dresden and are falling slowly. Roads closures continue in the municipalities of Chatham-Kent, Enniskillen and St. Clair including the following:

Chatham-Kent: Oakdale Road south of Croton Line

Nelson Street north of Running Creek

Water Street north of David Street

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

Waubuno Road between Bickford Line and Tennyson 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 forecast to fall to moderate overnight and continue to diminish into Tuesday before swinging around to the east by afternoon. This change in wind conditions should relieve some of the pressure on the mouth of the Sydenham River as peak water levels move through.

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

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 - *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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