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Flood Advisory Update

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Highlights:

- Wallaceburg Ice Jam
- Peak water levels headed to Wallaceburg

Last night, an ice jam on the north branch of the Sydenham River at Wallaceburg drove levels over its banks. Nelson Street and Water Street were both closed due to flood waters. The ice jam is north of Otter Creek and is impacting areas upstream. Near 11:00 pm, water above the jam began to create a channel through the jam and this reduced the rate of rise of the water levels upstream significantly. Municipal officials have been monitoring the situation closely as the upstream waters have been passing over the jam through the overnight hours. Water levels downstream of the ice jam in Wallaceburg have been falling slowly from a peak before 9:00 pm last night but this trend may be reversed if the ice jam breaks up quickly.

Peak water levels are continuing to move downstream on the main branches of the Sydenham River. Water levels peaked on the Sydenham River at Dresden early last night and are falling slowly. Water levels at the McKeough Dam, south of Wilkesport, on the north branch of the Sydenham River are expected to peak this morning. Road closures may 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

Some roads may be opened as soon as municipalities have the opportunity to review the road conditions to ensure they are passable and do not require repairs.

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 emergency coordinators and emergency response 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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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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