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# Flood Advisory Update

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## Highlights:

- Wallaceburg Ice Jam continues to impact water levels

The ice jam on the north branch of the Sydenham River at Wallaceburg continues to restrict flows. Nelson Street and Water Street remain closed due to flood waters. The ice jam extends north from Otter Creek and is impacting areas upstream. Municipal officials have been monitoring the situation closely as the upstream waters were passing over the jam through the overnight hours. During the morning hours this flow was diminished and the municipality has brought in equipment to attempt to break up the ice jam along the shoreline. Although the impact of this work has not caused the jam to break up, water levels upstream of the jam appear to have stabilized. Water levels below the jam are falling slowly in Wallaceburg.

Peak water levels have occurred at all gauging locations upstream of Wallaceburg. Water levels peaked on the Sydenham River at Dresden early last night and have dropped 34 cm (13.4 inches) from the peak. Water levels at the McKeough Dam, south of Wilkesport, peaked this morning at 6:00 am and are falling slowly. Road closures continue in the municipalities of Chatham-Kent, Enniskillen and St. Clair including the following:

Chatham-Kent: Nelson Street north of Running Creek

Water Street north of David Street

Enniskillen: 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 swing around to the east this evening and to the north overnight. This change in wind direction 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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  - *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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