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# Flood Advisory Update

*Bulletin Number:* 2008 Flood Event 9, Bulletin 8  
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## Highlights:

- Wallaceburg Ice Jam remains in place but water levels falling

The ice jam on the north branch of the Sydenham River at Wallaceburg continues to restrict flows but water levels upstream and downstream of the jam are falling, alleviating the flood threat. Chatham-Kent staff are working to improve the condition of Nelson Street and Water Street this afternoon and plan to have them open to traffic later today. The ice jam, which extends north from Otter Creek is reducing the flow of water but levels have dropped over 35 cm (13.8 inches since yesterday). Municipal officials will continue to monitor the situation but without a specific threat from flooding and with a forecast that does not indicate conditions that would increase flows, no specific actions are planned until further review in the new year.

Peak water levels have occurred throughout the system, aided by improved wind conditions overnight. 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

These 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 climb above seasonal norms on Sunday and then return to near normal next week. Most of the precipitation in the forecast is expected as snow. There is a chance of some light rain on Sunday however only trace amounts are forecast. The winds are forecast to be variable over the next few days. Southerly winds tomorrow may slow the decline in water levels. Water levels across the St. Clair region are expected to continue their downward trends returning to near normal levels this weekend.

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 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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