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Flood Warning Update

Bulletin Number: 2011 Flood Event 6, Bulletin 7
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Highlights:

- Localized flooding in the region
- Road closures

Water levels on the upper portions of the Sydenham River and its tributaries are falling from peaks of yesterday. Peaks began yesterday on Bear Creek at Petrolia and on the east branch of the Sydenham River at Strathroy near noon and gradually moved downstream. Water levels are extremely high but stable this afternoon at Dresden and Wallaceburg, levels have started to fall and will continue to fall overnight. Localized flooding continues along the main branches of the Sydenham River and its major tributaries. Localized flooding will continue to impact low lying areas, mostly agricultural and parkland areas. All watercourses are expected to be near or over top of bank conditions for the next few days.

Roads that were closed earlier this week will continue to be impacted by high water levels. These roads include:

- Pretty Road between Stanley Line and McCallum Line
- Waubuno Road north of Bickford Line
- Waterworks Road north of Courtright Line
- Gypsy Flats Road between Durham Creek Line and Rokeby Line
- Plowing Match Road between Rokeby Line and Petrolia Line
- Fairweather Road between Rokeby Line and Shiloh Line
- Fairweather Road between Aberfeldy Line and Oil Springs Line

Roads have been barricaded or signed, however care should be taken in travelling on all roads in floodplain areas over the next few days. Municipal emergency response staff and road superintendents should review emergency response plans and monitor local conditions closely.

Residents are reminded to avoid watercourses and flood 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 more severe flooding.

Update: As required.
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Types of Flood Bulletins

- *Water Safety Bulletins* are issued when high flows, unsafe banks, melting ice or other factors could be dangerous for recreational users e.g. canoeists, swimmers, anglers, hikers, boaters, etc. but flooding is not expected
- *Flood Outlooks* are issued when a major storm is pending, snowmelt is imminent, ice jams are possible or when general watershed conditions suggest high runoff potential that could lead to flooding.
- *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.