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Flood Warning update

Bulletin Number: 2011 Flood Event 6, Bulletin 5
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Highlights:

- 50 -70 mm of rain yesterday
- Localized flooding in the region
- Road closures

Water levels on the Sydenham River and its tributaries remain very high. Water levels have peaked at Strathroy and Alvinston on the Sydenham River, at Petrolia on Bear Creek and on Black Creek at the Bickford Line this afternoon and are slowly falling. Water levels at Dresden and Wallaceburg still show a rising trend, levels are expected to start 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:

- McCallum Line between Brigden Road and Pretty Road
- Pretty Road between Stanley Line and McCallum Line
- Waubuno Road north of Bickford Line
- Waterworks Road north of Courtright Line

Municipal emergency response staff and road superintendents should review emergency response plans and monitor local conditions closely. The Darcy McKeough Floodway is ready and may be operated to reduce any potential residential flooding in Wallaceburg.

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.