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Flood Outlook

SUDBURY – Conservation Sudbury is issuing a **Flood Outlook** statement for all Greater Sudbury watersheds effective 4 PM today. This statement will remain in effect until 2 PM, April 8, 2026.

The Sudbury area is forecasted to receive between 30 mm and 50 mm of mixed precipitation between Thursday afternoon and Sunday morning. The ground throughout the watershed is currently frozen and the existing snow pack has little ability to absorb additional moisture. Daytime temperatures are forecast to be above zero, which will result in additional runoff release from the existing snowpack. Beyond Thursday, nighttime temperatures are currently forecast to remain below freezing, which will slow down any additional snow melt and flow contribution.

Water levels and flows in area watercourses are currently within the normal seasonal range. The forecast precipitation will increase flow rates and water levels. This will be most apparent in urban watercourses with smaller channel widths which react more quickly to spring runoff. Widescale flooding adjacent to urban watercourses is not anticipated, however localized ponding on streets and other low-lying areas is possible. Overbank flooding of large watercourses in the area including the Vermillion River, Onaping River, and Wanapitei Rivers is not anticipated at this time.

Public safety is the number one priority, especially for children who may be attracted to the edge of creeks or rivers. The cold, fast-flowing water must be avoided. Stream banks will be very slippery and unsafe, and must be avoided. Any open-water areas will continue to widen and these must also be avoided.

Developing conditions must be closely monitored by all residents especially those living in known low-lying, hazard areas where overland flooding could become an issue.

Conservation Sudbury remains in direct contact with the City of Greater Sudbury and all other partners as required. Staff continue to monitor water levels and updates will be provided when needed. For more information please visit ConservationSudbury.ca

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