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## **QUINTE CONSERVATION FLOOD WARNING REMAINS FOR BAY OF QUINTE AND LAKE ONTARIO; REMOVED FOR REST OF QUINTE CONSERVATION WATERSHEDS**

A Flood Warning remains in effect for shorelines on the Bay of Quinte and Lake Ontario in the Quinte Conservation watersheds, but has been removed for the Moira, Napanee, and Salmon Rivers. General Manager Terry Murphy says, "Water levels on Lake Ontario and the Bay of Quinte will continue to rise for the next several weeks. We can't predict how high the water will get. Typically Lake Ontario peaks in mid-June or early July. Once that peak happens it will take time for the water levels to slowly recede. Unfortunately, people along the shorelines of the Bay of Quinte and Lake Ontario in our area may be dealing with high water levels for some time to come."

Residents living in low lying, floodplain areas are reminded that septic systems and drinking water supplies may be compromised in flooded areas and should contact the Health Unit if they are concerned. Local municipalities are the first to respond to, and assist with, flood emergencies. Residents requiring assistance should contact their local municipality.

Quinte Conservation is urging the public to exercise caution around all watercourses due to strong currents and cold water temperatures. Stream banks may be slippery and treacherous. Dams and other water control structures should be avoided at all times.

Quinte Conservation staff will be monitoring conditions closely.

A Flood Warning means flooding is imminent or already occurring in specific watercourses or municipalities. Municipalities and individuals should take action to deal with flood conditions. This may include road closures and evacuations.

This message will be in effect until (or updated before) Friday, May 19, 2017.

Quinte Conservation is a community-based environmental protection agency. It serves 18 municipalities in the watersheds of the Moira, Napanee and Salmon Rivers and Prince Edward County. It provides cost-effective environmental expertise and leadership. Quinte Conservation's main goal is to create a sustainable ecosystem where people and nature live in harmony. More information about Quinte Conservation is available at [www.quinteconservation.ca](http://www.quinteconservation.ca).

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