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**Issued by:** MVCA Flood Forecast Centre

**To:** All Municipalities in the MVCA's area of jurisdiction, including the Nine Mile River watershed, and Media

### **Watershed Conditions Statement – Water Safety**

Unseasonably mild temperatures are forecasted to continue for the next several days and rain is expected later this week. The warm temperatures will diminish what is left of the snowpack. Approximately 20 mm of water equivalent currently remains in the snowpack in some parts of the Maitland and Nine Mile watersheds. Current forecasts are suggesting 15-20 mm of rain will fall this Thursday and into Friday. Monitoring also shows that soil water content is nearing ground saturation.

While significant flooding is not expected at this time, levels in streams and rivers may reach or exceed bankfull conditions resulting in some minor flooding in low-lying areas.

Municipal officials should monitor low-lying and flood-prone roads.

We remind people that slippery and unstable streambanks and cold water temperatures will create hazardous conditions around all watercourses.

The Maitland Valley Conservation Authority is monitoring watershed conditions and will provide an update if warranted.

This message is in effect until 4:00 p.m. on Friday February 24, 2017.

**Confirmation of receipt of this message: not required**

**- End of Message -**

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## **Types of Flood Messages:**

**Watershed Conditions Statement - Water Safety** - General watershed conditions are being assessed for high runoff potential that could lead to flooding, and to remind the public of general river safety issues.

**Watershed Conditions Statement - Flood Outlook** - Early notice of the potential for flooding based on weather forecasts calling for heavy rain, snow melt, high wind or other conditions that could lead to high runoff, cause ice jams, lakeshore flooding or erosion

**Flood Watch** - Flooding is possible in specific watercourses or municipalities. Municipalities, emergency services and individual landowners in flood-prone areas should prepare.

**Flood Warning** - 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