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**Issued by:** Maitland Conservation Flood Forecast Centre

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

### **Watershed Conditions Statement - Water Safety**

The freezing rain, rain and snow that fell across the area last weekend left a snowpack containing 40 to 50 millimetres (mm) of water throughout most of the Maitland and Nine River watersheds.

This snowpack began to melt on Friday April 20<sup>th</sup> as temperatures warmed. Most of the remaining snowpack will be melted today.

Flows in streams and rivers are expected to remain high throughout the week. Although flooding beyond traditional low-lying areas is not anticipated, residents are reminded to stay away from all watercourses. Extremely cold and fast-moving water, combined with slippery and unstable stream banks, will create hazardous conditions near all waterways.

This message will remain in effect until 12:00 noon on Thursday April 26, 2018, unless local conditions warrant further updates. Maitland Conservation will continue to monitor watershed conditions and will provide an update if required.

**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.