

**Message:** 2015 - 1.1.1  
**Issued at:** 11:00 a.m. Friday March 13, 2015  
**Issued by:** MVCA Flood Forecast Centre  
**To:** **All Municipalities in the MVCA's area of jurisdiction, including the Nine-Mile River watershed, and Media**

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

The gradual melt of the snow pack that began this week is expected to continue into next week. Based on current weather forecasts, flooding beyond traditional low lying areas is not expected. There is some variability in the forecasts, so MVCA staff will be monitoring conditions carefully.

As surface ice begins to break-up, there is the potential for ice jams to develop in the Lower Maitland River. MVCA staff will be monitoring known problem areas.

Residents are reminded to stay away from all watercourses. The fast moving cold water, combined with slippery and unstable stream banks has created hazardous conditions near all waterways.

This message is in effect until 4:00 p.m. on Friday March 20, 2015 unless changing conditions warrant updating it sooner. The MVCA will continue to monitor weather forecasts, rainfall, snow melt and river flow.

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

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**- 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.