

## **Flood Watch**

### **Dryden-Fort Frances-Atikokan District**

Friday, July 26, 2024  
17:00 hrs

The Ministry of Natural Resources– Dryden- Fort Frances- Atikokan District is advising area residents that a Flood Watch is in effect in the District until Friday, August 09, 2024 at 17:00 hrs.

Residents in Atikokan, Fort Frances, Mine Center, Emo, Rainy River and surrounding areas in the district should keep a close watch on upcoming weather forecasts and local water conditions. Localized areas throughout the district are experiencing high water levels and forecast precipitation events may result in further increases to water levels in the coming days. Residents should also exercise caution around less travelled roads, lakes, rivers and areas of high runoff potential.

The Ministry is closely monitoring the weather and developing watershed conditions. Further updates will be issued as appropriate.

First-hand reports of changing water conditions from the public and local agencies are greatly appreciated and benefit the overall flood program. Please also consider tweeting reports of flooding with the hashtag #ONFlood.

#### **TECHNICAL INFORMATION**

##### **Description of Weather System**

A low-pressure system is forecast to move into Northwestern Ontario over the weekend, bringing widespread rainfall and potential for thunderstorms. Accumulated rainfall could range between 15 to 50mm. Higher amounts of rain could result in areas where localized thunderstorms develop.

##### **Description of Current Conditions**

Water levels in the district remain elevated. High-intensity and/or significant amounts of rainfall can lead to increased runoff, increased streamflow and localized flooding.

## DEFINITIONS

- **WATERSHED CONDITIONS STATEMENT – WATER SAFETY:** indicates that high flows, melting ice or other factors could be dangerous for such users as boaters, anglers and swimmers but flooding is not expected.
- **WATERSHED CONDITIONS STATEMENT – FLOOD OUTLOOK:** gives early notice of the potential for flooding based on weather forecasts calling for heavy rain, snow melt, high winds or other conditions
- **SHORELINE CONDITIONS STATEMENT – WATER SAFETY:** indicates that **along the Great Lakes shorelines high water**, melting ice or other factors could be dangerous but flooding is not expected.
- **SHORELINE CONDITIONS STATEMENT – FLOOD OUTLOOK:** gives early notice of the potential for flooding **along the Great Lakes shorelines** based on weather and lake conditions, and water safety information.
- **FLOOD WATCH:** potential for flooding exists within specific watercourses and municipalities
- **FLOOD WARNING:** flooding is imminent or occurring within specific watercourses and municipalities.

## LEARN MORE

- Surface Water Monitoring Centre public webpage [www.ontario.ca/page/surface-water-monitoring-centre](http://www.ontario.ca/page/surface-water-monitoring-centre)
- Environment Canada bulletins: [www.weather.gc.ca](http://www.weather.gc.ca)

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