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Quinte Conservation staff are working 24 hours a day and are available to provide information on water levels at 613-968-3434. The latest flood update and water level information are also available at www.quinteconservation.ca. Water level information is updated on the website several times a day. Quinte Conservation will be fielding phone calls during the long weekend.

Quinte Conservation advises that flow of water coming in and out is slightly decreasing. Residents are to remain cautious with rain accumulation in the future forecast. Stoco Lake will respond according to the flow of water in river.

Over 100 volunteers are expected to assist with sandbag filling at the Stoco Public Works garage. Centre Hastings Secondary School students are a large part of our volunteers today. The Salvation Army will be delivering food and water to volunteers today at the garage. Sandbags can be picked up and volunteers who wish to assist in filling sandbags can do so at this location.

If you need to evacuate due to flooding and need assistance contact social services 613-966-8032 during the day and the Canadian Red Cross after 4:30 pm, 866-317-6544. Residents in affected areas are reminded that flooded basements can cause an electrical hazard and residents should stay out of flooded basements. Visit the Electrical Safety Authority www.esasafe.com for guidelines on what to do in the event of flooding or water damage in regards to water damaged electrical equipment.

The Hastings and Prince Edward Health Unit warns "Do not drink well water in flood areas". For more information visit www.hpechu.on.ca or call 613-966-5500.

The OPP advises for your own safety to respect closed road signs and slow down on roads that have been affected by the flooding.

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