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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 <u>www.quinteconservation.ca</u>. Water level information is updated on the website several times a day.

Water levels on northern Moira River tributaries peaked Wednesday morning. However, the cold temperatures will likely prolong the peak flows. Water levels in downstream flooded areas will continue to rise slowly for up to two days as the peak water level moves through. Water will remain above flood stage for six to eight days before receding to normal spring levels.

Water levels on Stoco Lake in the Municipality of Tweed rose 13 centimetres in the last 24 hours and are expected to crest late Thursday/early Friday.

Mayor Jo-Anne Albert declared a State of Emergency under the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act. This declaration empowers the Mayor to solely make decisions on council's behalf, overrides municipal by-laws if needed, and solicit volunteers. The Mayor has been chairing meetings daily to assess the flooding situation.

Approximately 5,000 sandbags have been picked up at the Public Works Garage. The Municipality of Tweed Fire Department and Public Works are coordinating volunteer efforts at the Stoco Public Works Garage. Sandbags can be picked up and volunteers who wish to assist in filling sandbags can do so at this location.

The Municipality of Tweed Fire Department visited over 200 residential homes in high risk flooding areas. The OPP and Tweed Fire Department went to residents in the area of Trillium Lane and Clear Lane via boat to ensure the safety of residents, encourage evacuation, and supply flood information.

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 <u>www.esasafe.com</u> for additional information.

The Hastings and Prince Edward Health Unit warns "Do not drink well water in flood areas". For more information <u>www.hpechu.on.ca</u> 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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