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HIGH WATER SAFETY BULLETIN

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Flood Potential: Low

Issued to the following groups:

1) Municipalities and Local Conservation Authorities
2) School Boards and Police
3) Media
4) Conservation Authority Chair, Vice Chair & C.A.O.

The Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority advises that the recent temperatures have triggered the spring melt. Melting snow and rain will cause our watercourses to rise and some minor flooding of low lying areas can be expected, however local flooding can occur due to ice jams and plugged culverts. The public and especially children are advised to stay away from all area water bodies as fast, cold flowing water and slippery banks will result in dangerous conditions.

For the last 5 days our watershed has experienced temperatures well above freezing during the day but below freezing at night. The depth of the snow pack has decreased, but in many areas the snow still contains a significant volume of water.

Current forecasts are for daytime temperatures of 7 to 10^0 C and above freezing temperatures at night for the next 4 days. Light rain showers are forecast throughout the weekend but significant accumulation is not expected.

The Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority continues to monitor river and stream conditions and will issue additional messages as conditions warrant. This Bulletin will be in effect until Monday, Mach 15, 2010.

For additional information, please call 705-424-1479, pick "1" for the flood information line or check our web site at: www.nvca.on.ca

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NOTE: A High Water Safety Bulletin is a general notice that potential conditions exist that pose a risk to personal safety. High Water Safety Bulletins may be issued when streams are flowing at or near bankfull levels, when icy conditions are unsafe, or when stream banks are icy, soft, and/or slippery.