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Update re Water levels on Lake Temagami

Due to concerns being expressed about the Lake Temagami water levels I did reach out to OPG officials this morning and did pass on our concerns. We have also had some discussion with MNRF officials too and have passed on some concerns that we have identified to them. The high levels on the Lake are concerning but everyone also needs to take into account issues they have been experiencing downstream. Hopefully with proper dialog and communication we can collectively get through this with the least amount of damage for everyone affected as possible. I did ask for an official communication from OPG and they have provided us with the information as noted below. A number of us from Council have also been invited to take part in tomorrow's 11am call with the other Municipal representatives downstream, where we can gain additional information and provide an update to the group on the situation on Lake Temagami which is at the top of the watershed. If there is anything further that comes from that meeting I will also provide a further update...

Thanks

Dan O'Mara Mayor

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**Subject:** RE: Lake Temagami Water Levels

Good morning Mayor O'Mara,

I understand you spoke with Mike Clarke this morning and he provided some information regarding water levels on Lake Temagami. I wanted to follow up and provide you with some the information below, in hopes that it will facilitate sharing with your constituents.

As you know, water levels are higher than normal across the region, due to higher than normal snow pack melting, coupled with precipitation over the past several weeks. Water levels on Lake Nipissing, downstream of Lake Temagami, are very high, and continue to rise. With downstream impacts being taken into account, the MNRF, through the SNF (Sturgeon/Nipissing/French) Committee have requested that OPG utilize its flood allowance on Lake Temagami, to attempt to mitigate further, more severe impacts downstream. This flood allowance has been utilized in the past, during previous times of high water.

With the snow melt coming to an end, local inflows are reducing, and Lake levels are holding, however, the weather forecast shows significant precipitation in the forecast

for tomorrow (between 25-30 mm possible). Should this rain materialize, we will likely see lake levels rise further (the amount of rise will depend on the amount of rain received).

I've attached the MNRF's most recent flood warning, which includes some public safety language, as well as information around Lake Temagami levels.

OPG also shares information on levels and flow on our external website at <https://www.opg.com/powering-ontario/our-generation/hydro/river-system-data/>. The information is updated every Thursday, and may be of value to residents looking for the information on a go forward basis.