

Ontario Power Generation Update (May 26, 2019)

Over the past 24 hours, the water level on Lake Temagami has hovered between 294.24 and 294.25 (metres above sea level). This is a result of continued rain events in the area, with approximately 20 mm received on Saturday. Cross Lake Dam is currently discharging at about 60 m³/s – which is the discharge capacity in this location, due to the natural flow restriction in the river between Lake Temagami and Cross Lake (see image below). Due to this restriction, there is very little we can do at this time to reduce the water level on Lake Temagami. It is important to note that although we may see some relief in the coming days with minimal amounts of rain forecasted, levels on the Lake will recede slowly and will take some time to return to normal.



The water level on Lake Nipissing (located downstream beside North Bay) is very close to its critical point, with impacts being seen that could potentially affect public safety. North Bay's water treatment plant is very vulnerable to the high water levels, and impacting homes is a very real possibility, should levels continue to increase. Impacts are also being felt in other downstream areas. It is apparent that the affects of the high water levels are being shared across the watershed.

N.B., As Peter Healy mentioned in his May 23, 2019 update: Water levels are "a concern here on Lake Temagami as many docks and boathouse decks are under water – but, to my knowledge homes and cottages are not directly affected. Some dock decks are lifting off cribs, but this can be remedied later for sure."