

The Catfish Creek Conservation Authority's (CCCA) is issuing a **PUBLIC NOTICE** to all residents within the CCCA administrative area to be aware of the upcoming 2024-2025 winter flood season. The CCCA is urging residents of all flood prone areas in the watershed **notably** in the Hamlet of Port Bruce that due to the possible adverse spring freshet (runoff) weather conditions, associated with a flood season, a high probability exists for in channel water level increases, ice jamming and anticipated flooding of low-lying flood prone areas within the watershed.

Due to possible adverse spring freshet conditions, coupled with the existing snowpack, which in turn has a high snow water equivalency, a high potential for flooding exists in flood prone areas of the watershed. The aforementioned weather conditions combined with deteriorating ice conditions on the Catfish Creek and its tributaries, the potential to create hazardous circumstances in and around any waterway within the CCCA administrative area exists. Primary concerns are increasing water levels, intensifying water flows and possible obstructions to riverine ice transport which will intensifying high water levels and water flows. Unsafe channel bank conditions and other unpredictable dangers around waterways, adjacent fields, parkland, urban storm drains, small streams, creeks, or other hazardous areas will occur.

The public is encouraged to exercise **extreme caution** near all bodies of water, and to keep children and pets away from waterways during times of increased water flow. Landowners are advised to check dams, culverts, and catch basins and make sure they are free from debris and functioning as intended during high water circumstances.

**Residents are asked to watch local winter weather conditions closely and take appropriate responsible action.**

Further inquiries related to this matter may be directed to the attention of Peter Dragunas, Catfish Creek Conservation Authority, (519-773-9037).