



NEWS RELEASE

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HIGH WATER LEVELS CAUSE FOR CONCERN

The Lake of the Woods Control Board advises that water levels and flows are very high for this time of year throughout the Winnipeg River drainage basin. This is especially concerning at this time of year as freeze-up approaches. Conditions have changed dramatically since early fall, and seasonal residents especially should check that their docks and other shoreline property are secure for the winter.

Lake of the Woods has risen 30 cm (12 in) since the end of September, while Winnipeg River levels immediately below Kenora have risen 1.7 m (5.6 ft). Downstream from Kenora, water levels are still rising as higher river flows work through the system. At Minaki, water levels are expected to reach 40 cm (16 in) above normal. At Nutimik Lake in Manitoba, water levels may rise to about 1.2 m (3.8 ft) above normal.

The Board does not expect to increase outflows further, but the current high discharges are likely to persist into at least early December and river lake levels and river flows will remain above normal through the winter.

Up-to-date information on lake levels and river flows in the Winnipeg River drainage basin can be obtained at the Lake of the Woods Control Board (LWCB) web site (<http://www.lwcb.ca>). Less detailed information can be obtained by calling the Board's recorded message service at 1-800-667-5922. Additional information can be obtained by calling the Board's Secretariat at 1-800-661-5922.

FURTHER INFORMATION:

Lake of the Woods Secretariat 1-800-661-5922