

## FLOOD WATCH – BEAVER RIVER IN CLARKSBURG/THORNBURY

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**Issued by:** Ian Eriksen, GSCA Flood Duty Officer

**To:** Beaver River Watershed Municipalities and Media

### Message:

Due to the extreme cold temperatures over the past few days, combined with the fact that the Beaver River has not fully frozen over, frazil ice is being generated within the turbulent flow reaches of the river upstream of Clarksburg.

Frazil ice has begun to collect in the Beaver River within Clarksburg which has caused water levels to rise significantly within the past 24 hours. With windchill temperatures forecast to remain near or below -18C for the next 4 to 5 days, the potential exists for frazil ice to continue being produced upstream of Clarksburg until the Beaver River freezes over.

Starting this morning, Town of the Blue Mountains crews and contractors are utilizing a long-reach excavator to remove frazil ice from the river to promote flow. The frazil ice removal is expected to continue throughout the daytime hours over the weekend.

Flood Watches are issued when flooding is possible along local watercourses. Landowners within known flood prone areas in Clarksburg should monitor their situation and be prepared in case of flooding.

Grey Sauble staff will continue to monitor the weather and the flows and provide additional updates as needed.

This Statement expires Tuesday, January 27th, 2026 at 4:30pm unless replaced by further updates.

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Grey Sauble Conservation issues THREE types of messages:

**1. Watershed Conditions**

**Statement - Water Safety/Flood Outlook**

These are general notices of weather conditions that could pose a risk to personal safety of which have the potential to lead to flooding.

- i) Water Safety: High flows, unsafe banks, melting ice, etc.
- ii) Flood Outlook: Early notice of the potential for flooding based on weather forecasts calling for heavy rain, etc.

**2. Flood Watch**

Flooding is possible in specific watercourses or municipalities. Municipalities, emergency services and individual landowners in flood-prone areas should prepare.

**3. Flood Warning**

This is the most serious type of message: flooding is imminent or already occurring in specific watercourses or municipalities.