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WATER LEVELS DIMINISH THROUGHOUT WATERSHED

The Town of Smiths Falls, along with numerous municipalities, are working with the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority (RVCA) to monitor water levels in the Rideau River. These monitoring activities have been initiated due to the significant decrease in flows in the overall watershed. The watershed is now at a Moderate Severity Low Water Condition (Level 2) due to the lack of rainfall which is only 60% of the normal amount to date.

The municipality is asking residents and businesses to voluntarily reduce water consumption in areas of lawn watering and vehicle washing, along with being aware of water use during this seasonal challenge.

Significant rainfall over an extended duration is needed to impact the diminished watershed reserves. RVCA staff will continue to monitor conditions and communicate with water managers throughout the watershed via the Rideau Valley Water Response Team. Residents and businesses can monitor conditions through local media and the Town of Smiths Falls website www.smithsfalls.ca and the RVCA website www.rvca.ca.

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