



Long Point Region Conservation Authority

LPRCA Media Release

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Watershed Conditions Statement – Water Safety

An incoming low-pressure system is set to move in tonight. Forecasts suggest that snow or freezing rain will begin early Tuesday; before transitioning to rain in the early morning hours. Overall, in the range of 15-35 mm of precipitation is expected to fall by the time it stops raining Tuesday evening. Temperatures associated with this system could reach as high as 10 degrees Celsius before returning to below freezing Wednesday.

Due to the forecast and existing snowpack, the Long Point Region Conservation Authority (LPRCA) is issuing a **Watershed Conditions Statement – Water Safety** for all areas within its watersheds. Forecast conditions will lead to watercourses rising throughout the LPRCA watershed, however serious flooding is not expected.

People are warned to stay away from ditches, frozen water bodies, streams, rivers, and ponds as the combination of slippery banks and cold, fast-flowing water is dangerous. Ice conditions on watercourses, ponds and reservoirs are expected to deteriorate and should be considered unsafe. Parents are reminded to keep children and pets away from all of these areas.

Landowners are also advised to make sure dams, culverts, and catchbasins are free from debris and functioning properly.

Water levels are expected to remain elevated for several days in response to this event. LPRCA staff will continue to monitor watershed conditions and will update this message as necessary.

This Watershed Conditions Statement will be in effect until noon, **Friday, February 10, 2017**.

Contact Craig Jacques, Water Resources Specialist at 519-842-4242 ext. 265 should further information be required

A Water Safety Statement is a message issued by the Conservation Authority to advise municipal flood coordinators and watershed residents that unsafe lake, river and channel conditions may develop or exist.