



Watershed Conditions Statement Long Point Region Conservation Authority

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TO: Municipal Flood Coordinators, LPRCA, SWMC, Media

FROM: Craig Jacques, Water Resources Specialist

SUBJECT: Watershed Conditions Statement – Water Safety

The LPRCA is issuing this reminder, that as we head into March Break, water bodies across the region remain unsafe, particularly for children.

With stream levels having declined to near seasonal levels, little accumulated snow on the ground, and the forecast calling for seasonal temperatures and limited precipitation until later next week, high riverine flows are not expected at this time for the week ahead.

However, people are cautioned to stay away from ditches, watercourses and other water bodies as the combination of slippery banks, unstable ice and cold, fast-flowing water remains dangerous. Parents are reminded to keep children and pets away from all of these areas.

Therefore, the LPRCA is issuing this **Watershed Conditions Statement – Water Safety**; which will remain in effect until **noon, Monday, March 19, 2018**.

In the meantime, the ambient level of Lake Erie is now at a very high seasonal level, with the current March level last being seen this high, in 1998. Lake Erie levels are currently forecasted to stay above the elevated levels seen last year, at least into early May. The high ambient level, in combination with the loss of lake ice; means the risk of shoreline flood events and erosion will continue to remain elevated this year. People are advised to monitor forecasts and be aware that wind events may bring surge-related flooding, high waves and erosion along low-lying Lake Erie shoreline areas.

LPRCA staff will continue to monitor watershed conditions and will update this message as necessary.

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

NOTE:

Water Safety Statement: 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.

