



## Long Point Region Conservation Authority

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**DATE:** February 7, 2019 **TIME:** 4:00 PM  
**TO:** Municipal Flood Coordinators, LPRCA, SWMC, Media  
**FROM:** Matt Churly – Water Resources EIT  
**SUBJECT:** **Flood Watch (Event Message #1)**

Effective immediately, the Long Point Region Conservation Authority is issuing a **Flood Watch** for all areas along the Lake Erie shoreline.

Environment Canada is expecting strong southwest winds with gusts near 90 km/h to develop in the wake of a cold front sweeping through Southern Ontario overnight. Gusts near 100 km/h are quite possible especially in areas near the Lake Erie shore. It is expected that winds will begin to slowly diminish Friday afternoon.

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNR) is currently forecasting Port Colborne to rise 1 m above the current level to an elevation of 175.5 meters (IGLD) and Long Point to rise 0.7m above the current level to an elevation of 175.2 meters (IGLD). Lake levels are expected to begin to rise in the early hours of Friday and peak late Friday morning to early afternoon. If this surge level is reached, some flooding can be expected in low lying areas along the Lake Erie shoreline.

Community flood coordinators are advised to monitor the conditions and stand by for further information.

People are urged to use caution or stay away from Lake Erie shoreline areas experiencing strong wave action and elevated water levels.

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

This **Flood Watch** is in effect until **4PM, Friday, February 8, 2019.**

Contact Craig Jacques at 519-842-4242 ext. 265 or 519-429-2738 should further information be required.

Definition: **Flood Watch:** A message issued by the Conservation Authority to advise flooding is possible in specific watercourses or municipalities. Municipal flood coordinators, emergency services and individual landowners in flood prone areas should prepare.

