



## MEDIA RELEASE

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### LPRCA terminates Flood Warning for Lake Erie shoreline, reinstates Flood Outlook

Wind and waves have calmed but Lake Erie water levels remain high

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Long Point Region Conservation Authority (LPRCA) has terminated the Flood Warning for the Lake Erie shoreline and reinstated the standing Lake Erie Flood Outlook. As the heavy winds from last night have slowed, water levels and wave action in Lake Erie have dropped.

Though the wave action and water levels seen last night have calmed, standing water, erosion, property damage and other impacts from the strong wind, high water and waves overnight continue to affect low-lying shorelines, lakeshore bluffs and some river mouth areas. LPRCA reminds everyone to take heed of municipal messaging and stay away from affected shoreline, bluffs and river mouth areas due to erosion, instability and other damage that has occurred from the recent flooding. Parents are especially reminded to keep children and pets away from these areas due to slippery or unstable banks, cold water and other hazards.

Water levels in Lake Erie are expected to remain very high over the coming months. High static water levels increase the risk of flooding when moderate to severe wind-driven surge events occur. The season when high lakeshore surge events typically occur is just beginning and there is strong potential for further damaging lakeshore flood events over the coming months.

Due to these conditions, LPRCA is reinstating the previously issued Watershed Conditions Statement – Lake Erie Flood Outlook for all Lake Erie shoreline areas within its jurisdiction. Long Point Region Conservation Authority staff will continue to monitor conditions and will update this flood message as necessary.

### Water Safety Statement – Flood Outlook

Early notice of the potential for flooding based on weather forecasts calling for heavy rain, snow melt, high wind or other conditions that could lead to high runoff, ice jams, a rise in Lake Erie, lakeshore flooding or erosion.



## Comment

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“The high winds encountered overnight, combined with the high static water levels in Lake Erie are what caused the flooding. Now that the wind has slowed, the water has receded, though the impact from the flooding remains.

With water levels in Lake Erie being as high as they are and fall and winter often bringing windy weather, additional flooding throughout the season is likely. LPRCA will be monitoring conditions and providing updates.

LPRCA would like to remind everyone to be careful around bodies of water, as well as shorelines, bluffs and river mouth areas that may be slippery or eroded.”

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## About the Long Point Region Conservation Authority

Long Point Region Conservation Authority (LPRCA) is one of 36 Conservation Authorities in Ontario and is responsible for managing the Long Point Region watershed, a region that covers 2,782 square kilometres. Since 1948, the LPRCA and its predecessors have been empowered through provincial legislation to manage the watershed’s natural resources in partnership with our member municipalities and the Province of Ontario. The LPRCA’s priorities arise from the needs of watershed residents and the local environment, and provided services range from flood warning and erosion control to tree planting, land use planning, and forest management. The LPRCA also operates a number of conservation areas that provide outdoor education and recreation opportunities. The LPRCA is committed to balancing the social, economic and environmental needs of all communities in the Long Point Region watershed. To learn more, visit [www.lprca.on.ca](http://www.lprca.on.ca).

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