



MEDIA RELEASE

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Lake Erie shoreline Flood Warning terminated, Flood Outlook reinstated

Flooding not currently imminent, but lake levels remain high

Long Point Region Conservation Authority (LPRCA) has terminated the November 27 Flood Warning for the Lake Erie shoreline and reinstated the standing Flood Outlook. Wind speeds and the resulting wave action have slowed but Lake Erie water levels are still high.

Though the wind and waves have slowed, low-lying shorelines, lakeshore bluffs and river mouth areas may still be experiencing standing water, erosion, property damage and other effects from the overnight flooding.

LPRCA encourages everyone to stay up to date on municipal messaging and avoid shoreline, bluffs and river mouth areas that may be slippery or experiencing erosion as a result of the flooding. Extra care should be taken to ensure that children and pets are kept away from these hazardous areas.

Lake Erie's water levels are likely to remain high over the coming months. High water levels increase the likelihood that wind-driven flooding events may occur. The fall and winter months are typically when the lakeshore experiences strong winds, so chances of additional flooding throughout the next month are high.

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 flooding last night, similar to what was seen at the end of October, was caused by strong winds and the high water levels in Lake Erie. The wind has slowed for now, but the lake level is still very high so we’re likely to see more flooding throughout the fall when conditions get windy again.

LPRCA will continue to monitor conditions and provide updates to keep everyone informed.

As always, I would like to remind everyone to be careful around bodies of water, as well as shorelines, bluffs and river mouth areas, especially when water levels are so high.”

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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.

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