



MEDIA RELEASE

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LPRCA issues Flood Warning for Lake Erie shoreline

High winds expected to cause flooding in low-lying areas

Effective immediately, Long Point Region Conservation Authority (LPRCA) is issuing a Flood Warning for the entire Lake Erie shoreline within LPRCA jurisdiction. The forecasted lake surge and wave heights are predicted to be higher than the waves and water levels seen last Sunday, October 27. If the forecasted levels are reached, flooding can be expected in low-lying areas along the Lake Erie shoreline.

Water levels are expected to peak between 10:00 p.m. Thursday, October 31 and 2:00 a.m. Friday, November 1. Municipal flood coordinators have been asked to monitor road conditions along the lakeshore and warn residents and businesses in very low-lying areas along the lakeshore.

Environment Canada is forecasting south-western winds reaching speeds of 70 km/h or higher, as well as gusts reaching 90 km/h or higher. These wind speeds are expected to occur this evening and continue into early Friday morning.

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNR) is currently forecasting water levels in Port Colborne to rise 1.4 meters above the current level to an elevation of 176.0 meters (IGLD) and Long Point water levels to rise 0.9 meters above the current level to an elevation of 175.5 meters (IGLD). The anticipated strong winds are expected to cause waves reaching up to 1.8 meters in the Port Colborne area and up to 3.4 meters in the Long Point area.

This Flood Warning for the Lake Erie shoreline is in effect until noon, Friday, November 1, 2019. LPRCA staff will continue to monitor conditions throughout the watershed and will update this message as necessary.

Water Safety Statement – Flood Warning

Flooding is imminent or already occurring in specific watercourses or municipalities



Comment

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“With forecasts calling for higher water levels and larger waves than what was seen last Sunday, LPRCA is issuing a Flood Warning. If the forecasted levels are reached there will be flooding in the low-lying regions along the Lake Erie shoreline. Municipal flood coordinators have been alerted, and LPRCA will continue monitoring Lake Erie and providing updates as necessary.

LPRCA would like to remind everyone to be careful around bodies of water, such as Lake Erie, especially when water levels are high and strong wave action is present.”

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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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