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DATE: February 27th, 2021 **TIME:** 9:45 AM

TO: Municipal Flood Coordinators, LPRCA, SWMC, Media

FROM: Ben Hodi – Manager of Watershed Services

SUBJECT: **Watershed Conditions Statement – Water Safety (Event Message #1)**

Long Point Region Conservation Authority (LPRCA) is issuing a **Watershed Conditions Statement – Water Safety** for all areas within its watersheds.

Current forecasts are calling for an additional 5-10 mm of rainfall this weekend in addition to the 10 mm received last night. The combination of rainfall and above freezing temperatures are expected to melt the remaining snowpack throughout the watershed resulting in rising stream levels and possibly nuisance flooding in low-lying areas.

People are warned to stay away from ditches, frozen waterbodies, streams, rivers, and ponds as the combination of slippery banks and cold, fast-flowing water is dangerous. Ice conditions on watercourses, ponds, and reservoirs are expected to deteriorate and should be considered unsafe. Parents are reminded to keep children and pets away from these areas.

Landowners are also advised to make sure dams, culverts, and catchbasins are free from debris and functioning properly.

Water levels are expected to rise throughout the weekend and remain elevated into next week. LPRCA staff will continue to monitor watershed conditions and will update this message as necessary.

This Flood Outlook is in effect until **12:00 PM, Friday, March 5, 2021.**

Contact Ben Hodi at (519) 842-4242 x231 should further information be required.

NOTE:

Watershed Conditions Statement – 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.

