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DATE: March 22, 2023 **TIME:** 1:30 pm
TO: Municipal Flood Coordinators, LPRCA, SWMC, Media
FROM: David Proracki, EIT, Water Resources Analyst
SUBJECT: **Watershed Conditions Statement – Riverine Flood Outlook**

The Long Point Region Conservation Authority is issuing a **Watershed Conditions Statement – Riverine Flood Outlook** for all areas within its watershed.

A strong low-pressure system is expected to move into the province this evening. Precipitation across southern Ontario is forecast to reach 15 - 20 mm today with an additional 15 - 25 mm on Saturday. Additionally, above-freezing daytime air temperatures, as high as +10°C, are forecast for southern Ontario over the next four days. A moderate snowpack, ranging from 0 - 6.9 cm has been recorded throughout the watershed.

The above-freezing temperatures with added rain will result in the snowpack becoming saturated with water. It is expected that the entire snowpack will melt and release water which will create a potential for flooding in flood prone areas through the week into the weekend.

Members of the public are reminded to stay away from ditches, streams, rivers and ponds as the combination of slippery banks and cold, fast-flowing water is dangerous. Parents are reminded to keep children and pets away from these areas.

Landowners are also advised to make sure dams, culverts, and catch basins are free from debris and functioning properly – if it is safe to do so.

Water levels are expected to remain high for several days. Therefore, this Flood Outlook is in effect until Tuesday, March 28, 2023. LPRCA staff will continue to monitor conditions throughout the watershed and will update this message as necessary.

Contact David Proracki, 519-842-4242 ext. 264 should further information be required.

NOTE:

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, cause ice jams, a rise in Lake Erie, lakeshore flooding or erosion.

