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DATE: March 8, 2024 **TIME:** 2:00 pm
TO: Municipal Flood Coordinators, LPRCA, SWMC, Media
FROM: Paul Gagnon, Lands & Waters Supervisor
SUBJECT: **Watershed Conditions Statement – Water Safety**

A low-pressure system is forecast to move into Southwestern Ontario this afternoon, with predicted rainfall amounts between 10 and 15 mm tonight and an additional 25 mm Saturday afternoon and evening. The cumulative 3-day precipitation could total 40 mm.

As a result of the forecast, the Long Point Region Conservation Authority is issuing a **Watershed Conditions Statement – Water Safety**. Under the forecasted conditions, riverine water levels and flows will increase. No major flooding is expected to occur; however, some watercourses may reach or exceed their banks creating localized flooding in floodplains, low-lying areas, and regions with poor drainage.

People are warned to stay away from ditches, water bodies, streams, rivers, and ponds as the combination of slippery banks and cold, fast-flowing water is dangerous. Parents and guardians are reminded to keep children and pets away from all watercourses. Landowners are also advised to make sure dams, culverts, and catch basins are free from debris and ice and functioning properly, if the work can be done safely.

Water levels are expected to remain high into next week. Therefore, this **Watershed Conditions Statement – Water Safety** is in effect until **noon, Tuesday, March 12, 2024**. LPRCA staff will continue to monitor forecasted conditions and will update this message as necessary.

Contact Paul Gagnon, Lands & Waters Supervisor at lprca.floodmessage@lprca.on.ca or 519-842-4242 ext. 232 should further information be required.

Note:

Watershed Conditions Statement – Water Safety: 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.

