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TO: Municipal Flood Coordinators, LPRCA, SWMC, Media

FROM: David Proracki, Water Resources Analyst

SUBJECT: Watershed Conditions Statement – Flood Outlook

The Long Point Region basin received an average of 17.5 mm of rain across the watershed in the last 24 hours and is forecast to receive an additional 10 - 15 mm tonight (Thursday). Snow surveys indicate 22 - 35 mm of water equivalent in the snowpack. Temperatures are forecast to remain above 0 degrees Celsius over the next 3 days. Under these conditions, the existing snowpack will melt and runoff, resulting in increased riverine water levels and flow.

Due to this forecast, the Long Point Region Conservation Authority is issuing a **Watershed Conditions Statement – Flood Outlook.** Under the forecasted conditions, riverine water levels and flows will increase. At this point in time 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. 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 the weekend. Therefore, this **Watershed Conditions Statement – Flood Outlook** is in effect until **noon, Monday, January 29, 2024**. LPRCA staff will continue to monitor forecasted conditions and will update this message as necessary.

Contact David Proracki, Water Resources Analyst at lprca.floodmessage@lprca.on.ca or 519-842-4242 ext. 264 should further information be required.

Note: Watershed Conditions 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, cause ice jams, a rise in Lake Erie, lakeshore flooding or erosion.

Flood Outlook Statement