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DATE: January 29, 2024 **TIME:** 2:30 pm

TO: Municipal Flood Coordinators, LPRCA, SWMC, Media

FROM: David Proracki – Water Resources Analyst

SUBJECT: Flood Warning Terminated, Watershed Conditions Statement – Water Safety in effect (Event Message #5)

The Long Point Region Conservation Authority (LPRCA) is terminating the **Flood Warning** message previously in effect and is issuing a **Watershed Conditions Statement – Water Safety** for all areas within its watershed.

Over the last week, the LPRCA watershed received between 60 and 73 mm of rain. This precipitation combined with positive degree temperatures caused the existing snowpack (30 mm snow-water equivalency) to melt and runoff. This resulted in local watercourses, specifically the Big Otter Creek near Vienna, to spill out of their banks and flood low lying areas. Stream flows are now receding from this event but will remain elevated into the week.

People 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 properly functioning, if it is safe to do so.

LPRCA staff will continue to monitor watershed conditions and will update this message as necessary.

This **Watershed Conditions Statement** will remain in effect until **noon, Thursday, February 1, 2024**. Contact David Proracki, Water Resource Analyst at (519) 842-4242 ext. 264 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 high flows, unsafe banks, melting ice, or other factors may develop or exist that could be dangerous for recreationalists, children, and pets. Flooding is not expected.

