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Spring Safety Message: Exercise Caution Near Waterways

-Toronto and Region Conservation urges residents to avoid the water's edge this spring-

Toronto, ON, March 10, 2017 - Conservation Authorities, including Toronto and Region Conservation, (TRCA), are reminding residents of dangers that exist near streams, rivers, ponds and lakes around this time of year and urge people to keep family and pets away from the edge of all waterways.

Spring is quickly approaching and with warmer temperatures, people look forward to getting outdoors. Warmer temperatures, generally also bring rain, melting snow and shifting ice which can contribute to higher, faster flowing water in watercourses. With warmer temperatures over the past few weeks, the snow packs have melted throughout the Greater Toronto Area.

With the melted snow packs and recent rainfall, the soil conditions within the TRCA watersheds remain saturated. The river and stream banks remain slippery and may be unstable and the extremely cold water temperatures can also lead to very hazardous conditions close to any body of water. Also, with intense rainfall that accompanies Spring conditions, the flows in TRCA watercourses will be faster and higher than usual.

Please keep family members and pets safely away from any water's edge and help make this an enjoyable Spring.

For more information, contact your local Conservation Authority.

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