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**FROM/DE: Northumberland OPP**

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### **Exercise caution around rivers and streams**

**(NORTHUMBERLAND, ON)** – As we head into the spring thaw which is normally accompanied by heavy precipitation there is a potential for flooding in local watersheds. Water levels in the area are already increasing and with rainfall expected to be heavy at times there is concern for possible flooding.

Outdoor enthusiasts who use the waterways are reminded that the water is not only very cold, but may be moving faster due to the time of the year. Waterways of any size must be respected and safety equipment utilized including personal flotation devices (PFD's), flotation suits and whatever else is required for your size of vessel as identified under the provisions of the Canada Shipping Act. Boaters should also be conscious of submerged hazards such as docks and other cottage property that may have simply floated away in the wake of seasonal water level changes.

Northumberland OPP would like to remind residents and visitors to be very cautious in and around fast moving waters, be aware that conditions near rivers and streams can change rapidly. Keep children and pets away from fast moving water and potential areas for flooding.

For flood forecasting and warnings you can check the Lower Trent Conservation website at:

<http://www.ltc.on.ca/flood/ffw/>

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