

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE **FLOOD WARNING**

May 12, 2022 – 10:40 a.m.

LAKEHEAD REGION CONSERVATION AUTHORITY FLOOD WARNING

The Lakehead Region Conservation Authority has issued a Flood Warning for the Lakehead Region including: City of Thunder Bay, Municipalities of Neebing, Oliver Paipoonge, Shuniah and the Townships of O'Connor, Conmee, Gillies and Dorion.

The Lakehead Region Conservation Authority advises that 21 to 35 millimetres of precipitation has been recorded overnight. Additional precipitation may occur over the next 24 hours. There is also the potential for thunderstorms producing an additional 5 to 10 millimetres of precipitation.

The Whitefish River is rising at a rapid pace and will likely continue to rise over the day. Reports of roads overtopping in the general area have been reported. The Village of Hymers is experiencing flooding. Additionally, all other tributaries in the area are also reacting to the recent rainfall and are expected to continue rise throughout the day. Levels on the Kaministiquia River, Current River and McIntyre River are also extremely high.

A Flood Warning is issued when flooding is imminent or occurring.

Authority Staff will continue to monitor conditions as part of its flood forecasting and warning program. The public is advised to pay attention to local forecasts, and exercise caution in and around area waterways. High flows and unstable slippery banks could be dangerous. Parents and caregivers are advised to keep children away from all waterways and discuss the hazards of cold fast flowing water. Additionally, never drive through a flooded road or on any closed roads.

This Flood Warning will be updated by 4:00 p.m.

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