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**TIMMINS FLOOD ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

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**NEWS RELEASE  
WATERSHED CONDITIONS STATEMENT  
WATER SAFETY****SPRING MELT GETS UNDERWAY****ISSUED APRIL 20, 2022**

The Timmins Flood Advisory Committee reports that with the arrival of warmer temperatures, the spring melt is getting underway. As a result, there may be a water safety risk throughout the Timmins area including Porcupine Lake, the Mattagami River, Town Creek, Kamiskotia Lake, Porcupine River and Crawford Creek.

Although water levels in local rivers, creeks and lakes are currently not a concern and flooding is not anticipated at this time, it is still early and conditions are subject to change. As the melt continues, local rivers, streams and the flood control channels will experience a rise in water levels and flows. The Committee will continue to monitor the situation on a daily basis and issue updates as more information is known, or if water conditions change.

City residents are cautioned against venturing out on lakes, rivers and small streams where slippery stream banks, thin ice, dangerous currents and fast-moving cold water will make all waterways very hazardous. Parents especially, are urged to warn their children of these dangers.

Residents can visit the MRCA website at <https://mattagamiregion.ca/> for the latest information on watershed conditions and public advisories.

**This message will be in effect until (or updated before) April 28, 2022.**

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