People urged to exercise caution near waterways

Conservation authorities are reminding residents of dangers that exist near streams, rivers, ponds and lakes 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 also bring rain, melting snow and shifting ice, which contribute to higher, faster flowing water in watercourses. With the recent snowfall and swiftly changing temperatures, there is a possibility for localized flooding during the melting period. Slippery and unstable streambanks and extremely cold water temperatures can also lead to very hazardous conditions close to any body of water. For more information, contact Credit Valley Conservation (CVC) at 905-670-1615 or Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) at 416-661-6514.