

# High water levels impact Beachfront Park

Water levels in Lake Ontario are expected to continue rising until June. Beachfront Park has experienced the effects of flooding, and the City of Pickering has taken important measures to ensure that the public waterfront area is safe for users.

## What is impacted?

- The swing set and splash pad will open when water levels subside, but may experience closures if water levels rise and/or the area is deemed unsafe.
- The playground equipment and volleyball posts will be permanently removed due to anticipated recurring flooding impacts.
- The boardwalk and harbour entrance piers may experience closures during storm events and high water levels.
- Millennium Square and restroom facilities will remain open.



## How are Lake Ontario water levels affected?

The water levels are influenced by several factors, including water flowing in from Lake Erie and runoff from the watersheds that drain into Lake Ontario. Water flowing out of the lake is controlled at Moses-Saunders Dam near Cornwall, by the International Lake Ontario-St. Lawrence River Board (ILOSRLB). In regulating water flowing out of Lake Ontario, the ILOSRLB must balance risks associated with areas downstream of the lake. The ILOSRLB has decreased flows from Lake Ontario to minimize flood risks along the St. Lawrence River. The combination of reduced outflows from Lake Ontario, high inflows from Lake Erie, and continued runoff from surrounding watersheds is the reason Lake Ontario levels are expected to continue rising.

## Important reminders

During high water levels, avoid/exercise caution around all bodies of water, and **stay away from any areas experiencing erosion and/or flooding.**



The Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) issues flood messages to Pickering on behalf of the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources. **Follow @TRCA\_Flood on Twitter** for regular messaging or **visit [trca.on.ca](http://trca.on.ca)** for flood forecasting and warning.

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