

SNC urges ice safety

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FINCH — A recent tragedy in Upton, Quebec, prompts South Nation Conservation to issue a reminder about being careful around local waterways and ice.

A six-year-old boy, playing with friends, slipped and was swept away into a fast flowing river east of Montreal earlier this month. Quebec police recovered Maxime Dion's body after a four-day search.

"This is an absolutely tragic event for any family to endure," SNC says in its Dec. 21 press release reflecting on the loss.

Water levels are currently

normal in the South Nation River watershed; however, thin ice is beginning to form and stream banks are slippery.

SNC cautions residents along watercourses to be aware of these hazards and encourages parents to keep a close eye on their children over the holidays. SNC will be monitoring weather forecasts and daily water levels and will issue advisories and warnings, as required.

See <http://watershedconditions.com> for the current water levels throughout the watershed.