

Public Notice

Declaration of Significant Weather Event – O. Reg 239/02 MMS – O. Reg 555/06 HOS

Saturday, January 4, 2025 - 10:00 p.m.

Environment Canada has issued [snow squall warnings](#) across Simcoe County. These snow squalls are creating conditions favourable for localized hazards including:

- in addition to the snowfall received over the past 48 hours, additional accumulations of 20 to 40 cm's, with higher amounts possible;
- very poor to near zero visibility at times; and
- high winds and gusts resulting in blowing snow.

As a result, the Township of Oro-Medonte is declaring this Significant Weather Event under [O. Reg 239/02](#) effective Saturday, January 4, 2025 at 10:00 p.m. until further notice.

As per the Ontario Municipal Act, a municipality may declare a significant weather event when a weather hazard, either forecast or occurring, has the potential to pose a significant danger to users of the roadway in which they have authority. This declaration suspends the standard timelines required for municipalities to meet maintenance objectives prescribed by the Provincial regulation.

Please continue to monitor alerts and forecasts issued by Environment Canada or tweets using <https://twitter.com/ECCCWeatherON>.

With potential power outages, streetlights may also be impacted. To report Hydro One outages, please contact 1-800-434-1235 or via the Storm Centre at <https://www.hydroone.com/power-outages-and-safety>.

The declaration will not change how or when the Municipality performs maintenance operations. However, it may take staff longer than usual to bring Township roads and sidewalks back to a state of repair.

If necessary, Township Roads Crews will respond to snow and icy conditions and downed trees on Township roadways. Public safety is the municipality's top priority; should conditions become unsafe, road closures may be necessary.

Notice will be provided when the Declaration of Significant Weather Event has been removed based on the Township's ability to achieve maintenance standards requirements.

To report emergencies or downed power lines please call 9-1-1.

To report trees on Township roadways, road related concerns, drainage or flooding, please contact 705-487-2171 and follow the prompts.

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