

Public Notice

Declaration of Significant Weather Event – O. Reg 239/02

March 28, 2025 - 4:30 p.m.

Environment Canada has issued a [freezing rain warning](#) across much of Southern Ontario indicating **significant ice accretion from freezing rain** for our area. These conditions are favorable for the development of slippery ice-covered surfaces, downed powerlines, broken tree limbs, and downed trees. As a result, the Township of Oro-Medonte is declaring this Significant Weather Event under [O. Reg 239/02](#) effective **March 28, 2025 at 4:30 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.

Environment Canada's forecast includes ice accretion of 10-20 mm with amounts in excess of 25mm possible. Please continue to monitor alerts and forecasts issued by Environment Canada or tweets using x.com/ECCCWeatherON.

With potential power outages, streetlights may also be impacted. To report Hydro One Outages contact 1-800-434-1235 or via the storm centre by visiting 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 the roads and sidewalks back to a state of repair.

Roads crews are proactively responding to the forecasted weather event. However, as the anticipated weather event develops, and throughout duration, road conditions could change rapidly, and unnecessary travel should be avoided. 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 the maintenance standards requirements.

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

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

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