

Public Notice

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

February 7, 2025 - 12:30 p.m.

Environment Canada has issued [weather warnings](#) across Simcoe County for Snow Squall Warning for Snow Accumulation. These conditions could create conditions favourable for localized hazards: Additional local snowfall with accumulations of 15 to 20 cm plus winds causing drifting snow. Very poor to near zero visibility at times in heavy snow. As a result, the Township of Oro-Medonte is declaring this Significant Weather Event under [O. Reg 239/02](#) effective Friday, February 7, 2025 At 12:30 pm, 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 Snow Squalls and varying weather conditions with very poor to near zero visibility at times in heavy snow.

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 contact 1-800-434-1235 or via the storm centre <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 the roads and sidewalks back to a state of repair.

Roads crews are responding to Heavy snow conditions 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 the 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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