



MEDIA RELEASE

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Petawawa, ON – In response to a winter storm warning in effect in our area, the Corporation of the Town of Petawawa has declared a **Significant Weather Event** that will impact travel and services throughout the municipality. This declaration is made pursuant to Ontario Regulation 239/02, *Minimum Maintenance Standards for Municipal Highways*.

This declaration of a significant weather event isn't notice of a reduced level of service or of a road closure. It is to notify the public that due to the current or forecasted conditions, caution is to be observed when travelling on roads and sidewalks maintained by the Town of Petawawa. It may take longer than usual to bring the roads and sidewalks back to optimal conditions. When the declaration is cancelled, the standard timeline for road and sidewalk winter maintenance will begin.

Winter parking restrictions will be in effect for the duration of the significant weather event; meaning, no on-street parking is allowed. Offending vehicles will be ticketed and/or towed at the owner's expense.

Garbage and recycling pick-up service may also be affected and may take longer to be completed due to the winter storm. Residents are advised to place garbage containers, recycling and green bins five (5) feet back from the curb or pavement edge in the driveway to permit proper snow removal and to avoid damage to collection containers.

ENVIRONMENT CANADA WARNING IN EFFECT: Hazardous conditions are expected. Snowfall amounts of 30 to 40 cm and blowing snow today into Wednesday. Snow at times heavy will begin this afternoon and continue into Wednesday. Easterly winds gusting up to 60 km/h may cause near zero visibility in blowing snow. Total snowfall amounts of 30 to 40 cm are likely before the snow tapers off Wednesday afternoon. Major impacts to travel are likely with this storm. Localized power outages are also possible. This snow is associated with a Colorado Low that will cross Southern Ontario tonight into Wednesday. Consider postponing non-essential travel until conditions improve. Rapidly accumulating snow will make travel difficult. Poor weather conditions may contribute to transportation delays. If visibility is reduced while driving, slow down, watch for tail lights ahead and be prepared to stop. If you must travel, keep others informed of your schedule and destination and carry an emergency kit and mobile phone. Please continue to monitor alerts and forecasts issued by Environment Canada.

https://weather.gc.ca/warnings/report_e.html?on13.

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