



**Media Release**  
**For Immediate Release**  
**February 12, 2025**

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 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 and recycling containers 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. Please ensure material set out for pick up is visible to avoid missed collections; wait until the morning to set out items for pick up and remove any accumulated snow from the tops of your bins if possible.

**Environment Canada Winter Storm Warning in Effect for:**

**Petawawa – Pembroke – Cobden**

Highly impactful winter storm this evening into Thursday.

**What:**

Total snowfall amounts of 30 to 40 cm.

Peak snowfall rates possibly exceeding 5 cm per hour.  
Poor visibility in heavy snow.

When:

Beginning this evening and ending Thursday afternoon. The heaviest snow is expected to fall tonight into Thursday morning.

Additional Information:

Snow, at times heavy, will begin this evening. Total amounts of up to 40 cm are likely. This winter storm will impact the Thursday morning commute. Snow will gradually taper off Thursday afternoon.

Avoid travel if possible.

Rapidly accumulating snow will make travel difficult. Road closures are possible. There may be a significant impact on rush hour traffic in urban areas.

If you must travel, keep others informed of your schedule and destination and carry an emergency kit and mobile phone. Public Safety Canada encourages everyone to make an emergency plan and get an emergency kit with drinking water, food, medicine, a first-aid kit and a flashlight. For information on emergency plans and kits go to [getprepared.gc.ca](https://getprepared.gc.ca).

Please continue to monitor alerts and forecasts issued by Environment Canada. To report severe weather, send an email to [ONstorm@ec.gc.ca](mailto:ONstorm@ec.gc.ca) or post reports on X using [#ONStorm](https://twitter.com/ONStorm).

[Environment Canada Winter Storm Warning](#)

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