
PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

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Township of Greater Madawaska Declares a Significant Weather Event

In response to the Environment Canada alert for a snowfall warning in effect in our area, the Township of Greater Madawaska 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 suspends the standard timelines required for municipalities to meet their winter maintenance objectives until the municipality declares the Significant Weather Event has ended. In each case, during the course of a declared Significant Weather Event, the standard for addressing winter maintenance is to monitor the weather and to deploy resources to address the issue starting from the time that the municipality deems it appropriate to do so. When the municipality has declared the event has ended, the standard timelines for winter maintenance activities will resume.

The Township of Greater Madawaska wishes to note that the declaration of a Significant Weather Event is not notice of a reduced level of service or a road closure. The declaration is to notify the public that due to the current or forecasted conditions, caution is to be observed when travelling on Township of Greater Madawaska roads and that it may take longer than usual to bring the condition of the roads back to a state of repair due to the heavy snowfall.

A notice will follow once the Significant Weather Event declaration has ended.

ENVIRONMENT CANADA WARNING IN EFFECT:

Snowfall warning in effect for:

- Barry's Bay - Killaloe
- Renfrew - Arnprior – Calabogie

Hazards:

Snow, heavy at times. Total snowfall accumulations of 15 to 20 centimetres.
Reduced visibility in heavy snow and local blowing snow.

Timing:

This evening into Thursday morning.

Discussion:

Snow, heavy at times, will develop this evening. Snow will become light Thursday morning and may become mixed with freezing drizzle. Another round of snow, possibly mixed with ice pellets, will affect the area Thursday afternoon and evening.

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