



Media Release

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Significant Weather Event Declaration

Petawawa, ON – 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 weather.

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

Environment Canada Freezing Rain Warning in Effect for:

Petawawa – Pembroke – Cobden

Significant freezing rain event expected Wednesday.

What:

Prolonged period of freezing rain. Possibly up to 24 hours for some areas.

Ice accretion or build up of 10 to 20 mm.

When:

Beginning tonight or early Wednesday morning and lasting through Wednesday or Wednesday night.

Additional Information:

A series of low pressure systems will lead to significant freezing rain across parts of southern Ontario. Freezing rain may fall heavily at times. In this case, the precipitation may not freeze immediately, which may lead to localized flooding in low lying areas.

Some areas across eastern Ontario closer to the St. Lawrence River may rise above the freezing mark Wednesday afternoon, which would lessen the amount of ice build up in these areas.

Roads and walkways will likely become icy and slippery. There may be a significant impact on rush hour traffic. Prolonged utility outages are likely. Significant damage to property, including some buildings and trees, is likely due to the weight of ice.

Be very careful if walking or driving. Stay away from fallen power lines.

Please continue to monitor alerts and forecasts issued by Environment Canada at <https://bit.ly/3JUEwR8>.

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