



SIGNIFICANT WEATHER EVENT

Notice
Township of Whitewater Region

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Whitewater Region, Ontario – December 22, 2022

In response to a winter storm warning in effect in our area, the Township of Whitewater Region 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 is not a 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, residents are advised to use caution and are reminded that typical winter maintenance service levels for roads may not be met.

Drivers and pedestrians are asked to leave crews the space they need to safely and effectively clean roadways and sidewalks.

ENVIRONMENT CANADA WARNING IN EFFECT:

Major winter storm tonight through Saturday.

Hazards

Snow, heavy at times, with total amounts of 15 to 25 centimetres by Friday afternoon.

Reduced visibility in heavy snow and local blowing snow.

Timing

This evening through Saturday.

Discussion

Snow, heavy at times, is expected to begin this evening. As a cold front pushes through the area on Friday afternoon, rapidly falling temperatures and wind gusts to 70 km/h will result in local blowing snow. Snow and local blowing snow will persist into Saturday.

Consider postponing non-essential travel until conditions improve. Surfaces such as highways, roads, walkways and parking lots may become difficult to navigate due to accumulating snow. If visibility is reduced while driving, slow down, watch for tail lights ahead and be prepared to stop. 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 <http://www.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 or tweet reports using #ONStorm.