

## Public Notice

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### Declaration of Significant Weather Event – O. Reg 239/02

February 28, 2024 8:00 p.m.

Environment Canada has issued [weather warnings](#) across Simcoe County indicating snow squalls, snowfall, precipitation, and high winds. These conditions could create slippery road conditions. As a result, the Township of Oro-Medonte is declaring this Significant Weather Event under [O. Reg 239/02](#) effective Wednesday, February 28, 2024 at 8:00 p.m. until further notice.

As per the Ontario Municipal Act, a municipality may declare a significant weather event when a weather hazard, either forecast or occurring, has the potential to pose a significant danger to users of the roadway in which they have authority. This declaration suspends the standard timelines required for municipalities to meet maintenance objectives prescribed by the Provincial regulation.

Environment Canada's forecast includes intense snow squalls and high winds which could result in significantly reduced visibilities. Peak intensity for these snow squalls is expected overnight through Thursday morning (February 29, 2024).

With potential power outages, streetlights may also be impacted.

The declaration will not change how or when the Municipality performs its winter maintenance and tree maintenance operations. However, it may take staff longer than usual to bring the roads and sidewalks back to a state of repair. Snow removal priority will be given to arterial and collector roads.

Roads crews are plowing and responding to downed trees on Township roadways. Strong winds and snowfall may cause road conditions to change rapidly. Public safety is the Municipality's top priority; should conditions become unsafe, road closures may be necessary.

Notice will be provided when the Declaration of Significant Weather Event has been removed based on the Township's ability to achieve the maintenance standards requirements.

To report emergencies or downed power lines please call 9-1-1.

To report trees on Township roadways, road related concerns, drainage or flooding please contact 705-487-2171 and follow the prompts.

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