

Public Notice

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

January 23, 2026, 12:00pm

Environment Canada has issued a [**Special Weather Statement**](#) across much of Southern Ontario indicating a **Yellow Warning for cold temperatures and snow squalls forecasted for our area**. These conditions are favorable for the development of **low visibility due to blowing snow and high snow accumulation**. As a result, the Township of Oro-Medonte is declaring this Significant Weather Event under [O. Reg 239/02](#) effective **January 23, 2026, 12:00pm** 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 **low visibility due to blowing snow and high snow accumulation**. Please continue to monitor alerts and forecasts issued by [Environment Canada](#).

With potential power outages, streetlights may also be impacted. To report Hydro One outages, please contact 1-800-434-1235 or via the storm centre - [hydroone.com/power-outages-and-safety](#).

The declaration will not change how or when the Municipality performs maintenance operations. However, it may take staff longer than usual to bring roads and sidewalks back to a state of repair.

Roads crews are responding to the winter storm on Township roadways. However, the winter storm may cause road conditions to change rapidly, and non-essential travel should be avoided. 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 maintenance standards requirements.

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

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

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