

The Corporation of the Township of McNab/Braeside Significant Weather Event

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McNab/Braeside, Ontario – In response to a winter storm warning in effect in our area, the Corporation of the Township of McNab/Braeside has declared a <u>Significant Weather</u> <u>Event</u> 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 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 maintained by the Township of McNab/Braeside. It may take longer than usual to bring the roads back to optimal conditions. When the declaration is cancelled, the standard timeline for road 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.

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

ENVIRONMENT CANADA WARNING IN EFFECT:

Winter storm with significant snowfall beginning tonight. Hazards: Snow, heavy at times, with snowfall amounts of 20 to 30 cm. Rapidly accumulating snow resulting in difficult travel conditions. Reduced visibility in heavy snow and local blowing snow. Discussion: Snow falling across the area will intensify this evening and continue into Friday afternoon. Some areas may mix with rain briefly this evening, with freezing rain also possible during this time. Total snowfall amounts of 20 to 30 cm are expected. Reduced visibility at times in blowing snow is also expected. Consider postponing non-essential travel until conditions improve. Rapidly accumulating snow could make travel difficult over some locations. Visibility will be suddenly reduced to near zero at times in heavy snow and blowing snow. 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. <u>https://weather.gc.ca/warnings/index_e.html</u>