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**PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT**

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February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019

## **County of Renfrew Declares a Significant Weather Event**

**Pembroke:** In response to a winter storm warning in effect in our area, the County of Renfrew 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*.

The declaration will not change how or when the municipality performs its winter maintenance operations. The County is advising residents to use extra caution when travelling as the municipality may not be able to meet its maintenance standards for roads due to the heavy snowfall.

The County of Renfrew also encourages residents to seek information when travelling on roads and sidewalks maintained by their local municipality.

**ENVIRONMENT CANADA WARNING IN EFFECT:** Hazardous conditions are expected. Snowfall amounts of 30 to 40 cm and blowing snow today into Wednesday. Snow at times heavy will begin this afternoon and continue into Wednesday. Easterly winds gusting up to 60 km/h may cause near zero visibility in blowing snow. Total snowfall amounts of 30 to 40 cm are likely before the snow tapers off Wednesday afternoon. Major impacts to travel are likely with this storm. Localized power outages are also possible. This snow is associated with a Colorado Low that will cross Southern Ontario tonight into Wednesday. Consider postponing non-essential travel until conditions improve. Rapidly accumulating snow will make travel difficult. Poor weather conditions may contribute to transportation delays. If visibility is reduced while driving, slow down, watch for tail lights ahead and be prepared to stop. If you must travel, keep others informed of your schedule and destination and carry an emergency kit and mobile phone. Please continue to monitor alerts and forecasts issued by Environment Canada.

[https://weather.gc.ca/warnings/report\\_e.html?on13](https://weather.gc.ca/warnings/report_e.html?on13).

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