



SIGNIFICANT WEATHER EVENT - ENDED

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The Township of Laurentian Valley Significant Weather Event declared on February 26, 2020 is now being declared as ended.

A Significant Weather Event – As per Regulation 239/02 of the Municipal Act 2001, an Ontario municipality may declare a significant weather event when a weather hazard is approaching or occurring and has the potential to pose a significant danger to users of the roadways in which they have authority over. This declaration suspends the standard timelines required for municipalities to meet their winter maintenance objectives until the municipality declares the significant weather event has ended. In each case, during the course of a declared significant weather event, the standard for addressing winter maintenance is to monitor the weather and to deploy resources to address the issue starting from the time that the municipality deems it appropriate to do so. When the municipality has declared the event has ended, the standard timelines for winter maintenance activities will begin.

The Township of Laurentian Valley advises that a declaration is not notice of a reduced level of service or a road closure. A declaration is to notify the public that due to the forecasted conditions, caution is to be observed when travelling on Township Roads and that it may take longer than usual to bring the condition of the roads back to optimal driving conditions.

The Township Public Works Department would like to remind residents to keep vehicles parked in driveways and away from the road both during and immediately following a winter event so as not to impede snow plowing operations. Residents must also ensure that garbage and recycling bins are kept 5 to 6 feet back into driveways so that they are not struck or knocked over by the plows. Plows will not be swerving for garbage or recycling containers left on the shoulder of the roadway.

Winter events bringing significant snow accumulation and potential freezing forecasted is anticipated to last for a long period of time. The Township asks residents to please have patience during a winter event, and if possible stay off the roads during and immediately following the event so operations staff can efficiently clear the roadways.

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