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County of Renfrew declares Significant Weather Event

In response to the Environment Canada alert for a **FREEZING RAIN 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*.

A Significant Weather Event means an approaching or occurring weather hazard with the potential to pose a significant danger to users of the highways within the municipality. 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 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 resume.

The County of Renfrew wishes to note that the declaration of a Significant Weather Event does not mean roads are closed or that winter maintenance has stopped. The declaration is to notify the public that due to the current or forecasted conditions, caution is to be observed when travelling on Renfrew County roads and that it may take longer than usual to bring the condition of the roads back to a state of repair due to the amount of precipitation.

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

ENVIRONMENT CANADA FREEZING RAIN WARNING:

Several hours of freezing rain, beginning around midnight and continuing into Friday morning, will bring 2 to 5 mm of ice build-up, with locally higher amounts possible. Utility outages are possible.

Additional information: Precipitation associated with an approaching low pressure system will move into the region near midnight. Roads and walkways will likely become icy and slippery. Property or tree damage due to the weight of ice is possible. There is risk of injury due to slips and falls. Be very careful if walking or driving. Be aware of falling ice and branches.

Please continue to monitor alerts and forecasts issued by Environment Canada at https://bit.ly/3JUEwR8.

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