



Media Release

Midland continues to deal with Significant Weather Event

December 8, 2021 – With the potential for significant snowfall still in the forecast, and cleanup still underway, the Significant Weather Event is still in effect for the Town of Midland. Nearly 40cm of snow fell overnight in some areas of town on Monday and throughout the day on Tuesday, and Operations crews worked through the night to clear snow from town roads and sidewalks, including removing 113 truck loads of snow, approximately 1,500 tons.

“Today, staff are focussed on catching up on clearing the 105km of sidewalks in Midland, as that makes up the bulk of what remains to be done. Priority will be given to school zones and community safety zones.” said Dylan Flannery, Director of Operations. “However, this work is being impacted by some equipment failure and as a result it is expected to take longer than normal.”

Operations crews will continue with snow removal again tonight, however with 10-15cms of snow in the forecast, that could limit how much removal takes place, as crews may need to shift back to plowing to maintain the roads.

The Town Municipal Office is open, as is the NSSRC. Visitors continue to be subject to current COVID-19 restrictions. Mid-Pen Transit is operating as normal.

Updates will be provided on Midland.ca, and our social media channels, [@MidlandON](https://twitter.com/MidlandON) on Twitter, and [@townofmidland](https://www.facebook.com/townofmidland) on Facebook once the declaration has been lifted.

Declaring a Significant Weather Event as it relates to Ontario’s Minimum Maintenance Standards for Municipal Highways means an approaching or occurring weather hazard has the potential to pose a significant danger to drivers and pedestrians. Municipal roads and sidewalks are considered to be in a state of repair until the event has ended.

Rapidly accumulating snow and snow squalls can make travel difficult in some areas, and the public should be prepared for deteriorating travel conditions and weather conditions to vary considerably even within a few kilometres. High winds can also bring down powerlines. Residents are asked to avoid non-essential travel until conditions improve and drive with extra caution if travel is necessary. If you see a downed powerline in Midland, stay back at least 10 metres and call 9-1-1 and Midland Power Utility Corporation (P.U.C.) at 705-526-9361.



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