



Media Release

Town of Midland's Significant Weather Event Declaration Ends

For Immediate Release

December 30, 2022 – The Town of Midland's declaration of a Significant Weather Event on December 22, 2022, has ended after tremendous efforts from the Operations team of road crews and mechanics. All sidewalks and roads are now within Minimum Maintenance Standards.

"Our Operations team worked around the clock from December 23rd when the storm started, missing time with family and friends during the holidays to ensure that roads were safe for residents," said Dylan Flannery, Director of Operations. "They battled through equipment challenges but found a way to get the Town back in good order."

Although the snowfall ending and temperatures increasing were a welcome relief, it was not without its challenges. Snow became heavy resulting in equipment failures that slowed operations, especially on sidewalks. Thanks to borrowed equipment from neighbouring Town of Penetanguishene, Midland's crews were able to continue the work of plowing and removing snow loads from Town streets and sidewalks.

Sidewalk Plow Damage

With the magnitude of snowfall, poor visibility, darkness, and sidewalks buried under snow, it's difficult for sidewalk plow operators to stay within the edges of sidewalks, and damage to lawns and boulevards is an unfortunate consequence of sidewalk plowing. Residents can report any damaged lawns or boulevards through the Town's customer support portal on the Town's website at www.midland.ca, or by email to service@midland.ca. Damages reported will be added to the Operations Spring List for review and repair in late spring 2023.

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. When a Significant Weather Event is in effect, municipal roads and sidewalks are considered to be in a state of repair until the event has ended. It is not a declaration of an Emergency.

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