

For Immediate Release

City of Cambridge Winter Maintenance and Storm Preparation

Cambridge, Ontario. February 1, 2011...The City of Cambridge Public Works crews are on high alert as a result of constant monitoring of storm warnings issued by Environment Canada for areas in southern Ontario.

"Crews will be working through the night to clear our roadways," says Phil Dechene, Director of Public Works. "We will be employing all the equipment we have to tackle the weather elements."

The City will have operations around the clock with twenty-four plows, 5 primary salters and some eighty people on the job to address road and sidewalk clearing in Cambridge. Here's how it works in terms of priority:

- o Major arterial roads and regional roads
- o Bus Routes
- o Residential collector roads
- o All other residential roadways

In conjunction with addressing roadways, the City will also be clearing some 170 km of sidewalks that are part of the public works inventory. Bus stop areas will also be addressed through the process.

Residents are encouraged to avoid parking on the streets to better facilitate plow operations. The parking by-law prohibits on street parking between 2:30 am and 6:00 am. And please don't forget about clearing your sidewalk. Details on the sidewalk clearing by-law can be found at:

http://www.cambridge.ca/live/transportation_roads/winter_maintenance_roads_sidewalks

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Environment Canada Alerts

Source - <http://www.ec.gc.ca/meteo-weather/default.asp?lang=En&n=C9A8D735-1>

Type of Alerts

The type of alert used depends on the severity and timing of the event:

- **Special Weather Statements** are the least urgent type of alert and are issued to let people know that conditions are unusual and could cause concern.
- **Watches** alert you about weather conditions that are favourable for a storm or severe weather, which could cause safety concerns.
- As certainty increases about the path and strength of a storm system, a watch may be upgraded to a **Warning**, which is an urgent message that severe weather is either occurring or will occur. Warnings are usually issued six to 24 hours in advance, although some severe weather (such as thunderstorms and tornadoes) can occur rapidly, with less than a half hour's notice.

These alerts are updated regularly so that members of the public can stay on top of a developing situation and take the appropriate action.

About Cambridge

The City of Cambridge is one of the fastest growing areas in the country. It is strategically located astride highway 401 in Southwestern Ontario, part of Canada's Technology Triangle. In 2010, the population reached over 130,000 people. With a multicultural mix and a strong foundation of support services, Cambridge has a diverse economic base with leading industries in advanced manufacturing, automotive, high technology, pharmaceutical, business and financial services and hospitality/retail. The Corporation of the City of Cambridge is an employer with a progressive work environment that offers the opportunity to provide service to the community through creativity and innovation, and with opportunities for career growth and advancement.

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