



The Corporation of the

***Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan***

# MEDIA RELEASE

## Declaration of Significant Weather Event

January 12, 2024

Environment Canada has issued a Winter Storm Warning for our area. Heavy snowfall and wind is expected with this event with total snowfall forecast to be between 10cm – 20cm with peak snowfall rates of 3 – 5 cm per hour. Travel will be impacted throughout the Township on Monday.

The Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan is declaring a “Significant Weather Event” from 12:00 noon Friday, January 12, to 11:59 pm Sunday, January 14, 2024 in accordance with the Township’s level of service policy and O. Reg 366/18 section 16.9 amending O.Reg 239/02.

This declaration will suspend the standards timelines required for municipalities to meet their winter maintenance objectives until the municipality lifts the declaration. During a declared significant weather event for winter maintenance activities, weather conditions will be monitored, and the deployment of resources will commence from the time the municipality deems it appropriate to do so. When the municipality lifts the declaration for the event, the standard timelines for winter maintenance activities will resume.

**Note:** The significant weather event declaration only addresses the timelines and does not reduce the standard level of service provided by the municipality. The declaration is notification to Township residents that during this time motorists should travel in accordance to road conditions.