



PRESS RELEASE

County of Dufferin
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DUFFERIN COUNTY-DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Dufferin County continues with an Emergency Declaration. There are a number of criteria established by the Province of Ontario to guide municipalities when making a decision about declaring an emergency. The County of Dufferin did meet a number of the criteria.

- *Is the situation an extraordinary event requiring extraordinary measures?*
- *Does the situation require a response that exceeds or threatens to exceed the capabilities of the municipality for either resources or deployment of personnel?*
- *Does the situation create sufficient strain on the municipal response capability in areas within the municipality that may be impacted by a lack of services?*
- *Is it a consideration that the municipal response may be of such duration that additional personnel and resources may be required to maintain the continuity of operation?*
- *Does the situation pose a large-scale disruption to routine patterns of transportation or re-routing of large numbers of people and vehicles?*

A major factor is that there have been several road closures and weather events continually since Friday, January 24 when 500 motorists were stranded in Honeywood and Shelburne.

“Given that a number of roads were closed, a number of motor vehicles accidents, including three emergency response vehicles, and possibility of several stranded school children, we thought to in the best interest of our community to declare an emergency to obtain outside assistance”, said Warden Bill Hill.

County officials are working with neighbouring municipalities, the Province of Ontario and other partners to ensure the safety of residents.

*Call 511 from your cell regarding Provincial Highway Closures
Call 519-941-2816 for County Road Closure Updates
Call 211 for general updates
OPP Communications Centre 1-888-310-1122 for non-emergency OPP calls
Call 911 ONLY FOR EMERGENCIES*

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