

## Winter storm warning in effect for South Niagara

February 14, 2021

Environment Canada has issued a winter storm warning for South Niagara. A snowfall of 20 to 30 cm is expected Monday into Tuesday. Two rounds of precipitation are expected with this storm. The first one is expected to begin early Monday morning with 5 to 10 cm likely by afternoon.

The precipitation may diminish in intensity during the afternoon, but another round of even heavier snow is expected to move in Monday evening and persist until Tuesday morning. An additional 10 to 20 cm is likely. Northeast winds gusting to 60 km/h will result in very poor visibility in blowing snow. Consider postponing non-essential travel until conditions improve. Surfaces such as highways, roads, walkways and parking lots may become difficult to navigate due to accumulating snow. Visibility may be suddenly reduced at times in heavy snow.

During this time residents are asked to refrain from parking on the street as snow clearing operations are underway. The City asks that you move your vehicle to an alternate location until the streets have been cleared. Parked cars make plowing difficult and sometimes impossible. If vehicles are not removed from City streets during plowing and are found to contravene the By-law, they will be towed. With your help, winter maintenance crews can plow snow faster and more efficiently and reduce the chances of your car getting stuck in a snow drift. Please, do not park on the street and interfere with snow removal.

Roads will be plowed in priority sequence: Primary Roads; Secondary Roads; Laneways; then Parking Lots.

As a reminder, please do not clear snow from your property onto the roadway. Snowplows have no place to push the snow except to the curb or shoulder of the road. Sometimes this happens just after you have finished shovelling. City staff appreciate that this can be frustrating, however, we ask your cooperation in clearing the snow without placing it on the roadway. It is illegal to push snow from your property onto the street (Highway Traffic Act R.S.O. 1990, c. H.8, section 181). If you hire a private snow contractor to clear your driveway, make sure the contractor does not push snow into the travelled portion of the roadway or fill the sidewalks.

Questions? Please call Public Works at 905-835-5079.