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WELLAND TACKLES WINTER STORM

Welland, ON – Municipal Roads Crew continued with snow removal well into the night on Monday in order to clear Welland roads. Imminent Danger was declared at 9:00 a.m. the morning of the storm, which allowed equipment operators and other staff to work outside the restrictions imposed by the Hours of Work legislation.

Staff were in full swing Monday with snow clearing on all arterial, collector, and local roads; including all streets that have steep grades, dangerous curves, and bus routes. Sal Iannello, General Manager, Infrastructure Services, chose to close municipal facilities for safety of residents and staff. "When the City is hit severely with this degree of storm, communication is key among all departments. The roads crew need to clear roads not only for pedestrians, but also for Emergency Services to have access," said Iannello.

Although the storm has passed, city staff continue with the clean-up and snow removal so that Welland residents have access to all roadways. Mayor Frank Campion assures Wellanders that staff are diligent in providing excellent customer service to its citizens. "The snow clearing crew continue to clear roads and some municipal sidewalks. It's our mandate to make travel throughout the city as easy as possible so residents can access amenities," said Campion. Keeping the roads clear for citizens comes at a significant financial expense. Campion estimates that expense to be approximately \$30,000 for snow clearing and clean-up for February 1 and 2.

Residents and business owners also need to be diligent and clear the sidewalks in front of their properties. The City of Welland's Sidewalk Snow Clearing By-Law requires property owners to clear snow and ice on the public sidewalks adjacent to their property within 24 hours of the end of a substantial snow event.

City staff also want to remind citizens that cars cannot be on the road during snow clearing operations so as not to inhibit snow clearing/removal. People with snow clearing exemption permits to park on the road still cannot leave their car in the same place for more than 12 hours. They must move it once a plow has passed by so that the roads can be cleared properly. For more information and keep current see the Information Line at welland.ca.

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