

Scheduled programs, events, and farmers market are open December 24

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Welland, ON – As City crews maintain bus routes and main roads, the City of Welland expects all programs and events, including the farmers market, to continue as usual on Saturday, December 24.

With the extreme weather expected to dissipate overnight and into the morning, City staff are confident in offering fully operational programs and services. Those travelling to and from events, or on the road in general, are urged to exercise extreme caution and asked to drive to road conditions.

“Staff have done a tremendous job today in making sure roads are safe, and preparations for the events and programs held on December 24 are available,” said Steve Zorbas, chief administrative officer. “We will continue to monitor the forecast and adapt to the weather as necessary, but we will be ready to go on Christmas Eve.”

The City declared a significant weather event at 7 a.m. December 23. Declaring a significant weather event allows public works the flexibility to schedule staff and pivot resources to meet the demands of the weather event. Crews have been on the road applying a sand/salt mix since early this morning.

As of 4 p.m. on December 23, the snow had not accumulated to the amount of deploying plows. Staff are prepared and scheduled to be fully operational over the weekend.

Transit continues to operate and has experienced only minor delays due to the weather and road conditions. Transit will continue to operate on a regular schedule on December 24. With the cold temperatures arriving, the downtown bus terminal is open as a warming centre from 6 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday, 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, and closed Sunday. The terminal reopens Monday, December 26, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. For anyone requiring housing needs, please call 211.

Public Safety Canada encourages everyone to make an emergency plan and get an emergency kit with drinking water, food, medicine, a first-aid kit, and a flashlight. For information on emergency plans and kits, go to <http://www.getprepared.gc.ca>.

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