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FROM/DE: Haliburton Highlands OPP

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WEATHER EVENT NEXT THREE DAYS

(MINDEN, ON) – Environment Canada has issued a weather warning expected to have an effect in Haliburton County, as such the Haliburton Highlands OPP would like to remind drivers of the need to evaluate the necessity to travel when the conditions are expected to be very poor.

3 Day Significant Weather Outlook for Ontario for 2017-01-05

Thursday and Thursday night... Localized snowsqualls and strong winds are expected to continue to the lee of Lake Huron, Georgian Bay possibly into areas near Peterborough) and may develop over Prince Edward County. Again, blowing snow and poor visibilities will result in hazardous driving conditions, with 10-20 cm possible in the heaviest bands. Squalls more localised in the evening and overnight.

Friday... Localized snowsqualls are expected to continue to the lee of Lake Huron, Georgian Bay, and possibly Prince Edward County and Fort Erie. Again, blowing snow and poor visibilities will result in hazardous driving conditions, with 10-15 cm possible.

Outlook for Saturday is very cold air over the province. Still local snow squalls southeast of Huron and Georgian Bay. Some areas with wind chills in the minus 30 to upper thirties range across Northern Ontario and near minus 30 into Central and Eastern Ontario late Saturday.

If at all possible avoid driving when the weather conditions are poor.

If you must be on the roads be prepared for delays and make sure someone knows where you are going and when to expect you to arrive and/or return.

Have an emergency kit in your vehicle. Items should include quick food/snack items and water. Something for warmth, i.e. blanket additional clothing hats and mitts, winter boots.

Insure you cell phone is charged and ready for use in an emergency.

Before setting out be sure to remove the excess snow from your vehicle, insure that your lights are visible and your windows are clear of snow and ice. While travelling if the weather continues to deteriorate stop at a place of safety and wait until it is safe to proceed.



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Give your complete attention to the road and the task of driving; leave ample space between yourself and the vehicle ahead in case an emergency stop is required.

Know your route and where you are on the route, set the trip odometer before you leave home.

If an emergency does arise dial 911 or 1-888-310-1122

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