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MCA & SRMT URGE COMMUNITY TO BE PREPARED FOR UPCOMING STORM

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne and Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe have collaborated and are preparing for a winter storm forecasted for our region late this week beginning Thursday, Dec. 22 and impacting our area into Saturday, Dec. 24.

Environment Canada issued a weather alert stating:

“Precipitation may begin as rain or snow late Thursday before possibly transitioning to rain in many areas by early Friday. Temperatures are expected to plummet on Friday leading to a potential flash freeze for locations that receive rainfall. Rapidly falling temperatures will be accompanied by strong to potentially damaging winds along with snow that may be heavy at times.”

Power outages are possible. The SRMT and MCA officials are advising the public to be prepared with an Emergency Plan and Emergency Kit. They are also strongly advising the community to:

- **Make emergency plans with your family, and plan to check on neighbours, family members and vulnerable people in the event of a power outage or extreme weather that may leave those individuals isolated.**
- **Check sump-pumps now to ensure they are in working order. The fire department may be unable to assist with basement flooding when other emergency factors are taking precedent.**
- **Ensure generators have fuel and be aware of safety precautions regarding generators to avoid any accidents or carbon monoxide poisoning.**
- **Pay close attention to CKON and social media to stay up to date with any emergency announcements. We strongly recommend you sign up to receive**

text alerts by registering your mobile number at www.akwesasne.ca/textalerts. This will provide you with immediate and up-to-date notices.

In the event of an extended power outage, MCA warming centres will be available at the three district schools in Kana:takon, Tsi Snaihne and Kawehno:ke. The SRMT will have a warming centre available at the senior's centre in Hogansburg. More details will be shared if the warming centres are expected to open.

Officials will continue to monitor the weather alerts and forecast and provide additional information when needed. Please be safe and limit travel during extreme weather.

In the event of any emergency, please contact MCA's Central Dispatch at 613-575-2000 or SRMT Police at 518-358-9200.