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King warns motorists to drive with caution on local roads

The recent weather cycles of extreme cold followed by warmer temperatures has resulted in poor driving conditions on local roads.

Because of this, King Township is asking motorists to drive with caution as crews work to bring the roads back to good condition.

Currently, King Township has closed Old Bathurst Road to all but local traffic due to its poor condition. Other roads may need to be temporarily closed as well.

King Township roads maintenance staff are out assessing the conditions of roads. King maintains around 300 kilometres of roads in the Township.

Temporary closures will be advertised through King's website (www.king.ca) and Twitter ([@Kingtownship](https://twitter.com/Kingtownship)) and Facebook (www.facebook.com/townshipofking) feeds.

Some of the poor conditions include potholes, ponding and soft spots, both on paved and gravel roads throughout King Township.

Potholes appear on roads when frost leaves the ground, creating heaves in the pavement. The continual freezing and thawing loosens the asphalt.

Public Works staff check roads regularly for potholes and make repairs as quickly as possible, however the repairs cannot take place until the roadway and its base are relatively dry.

Throughout the winter and during colder months, potholes are repaired with a temporary patch, called cold mix. During the summer months, regular hot mix asphalt is used. Hot mix is a more permanent fix.

Although Township roads have been constantly monitored by our patrollers, motorists are asked to drive with caution and call the local office of the department at 905-833-5321 to report any safety concerns, such as washouts, severely eroded shoulders or sinkholes.

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Lying in the heart of the Greater Toronto Area, King Township is located within York Region, one of the fastest growing and diverse economies in Canada. More than 60 per cent of the Holland Marsh, also known as Ontario's salad bowl, lies within King Township. Though predominantly rural, most of King Township's 26,000 residents live in the communities of King City, Nobleton and Schomberg. Residents and visitors are drawn to King because of its rural lifestyle, village atmosphere and quality of life.

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