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MIDDLESEX COUNTY DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Middlesex County Warden Cathy Burghardt-Jesson convened a meeting of the Middlesex County Emergency Operations Control Group today and declared a state of local Emergency in accordance with the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c E.9 s.4.(1) due to heavy amounts of rain and more expected overnight in the western part of Middlesex County.

Some regions in the County have experienced upwards of 100 mm of rain in the past 24 hours. Many roads in the County are underwater and are in danger of washouts. An additional 20-40 mm of rain is expected in the next 12 hours. As a result of this significant rainfall, <u>Middlesex County is closing a number of County roads at this time and watching many others.</u>

CURRENT ROAD CLOSURES:

- Pike Road from Mullifarry Drive to Napperton Road (Adelaide Metcalfe)
- Napperton Road from Kerwood Road to Pike Road (Adelaide Metcalfe)
- Elginfield Road from Centre Road to Cassidy Road (North Middlesex)
- Petty Street from Centre Road to Narin Road (North Middlesex)

WATCHING:

- Cassidy Road from Elginfield Road to McGillivray Drive (North Middlesex)
- Mullifarry Drive from Centre Road to Pike Road (Adelaide Metcalfe)
- Thames Road from Calvert Drive to Glendon Drive (Southwest Middlesex)

Please do not drive your vehicle through water or in areas where the road is not visible. Washouts are possible and driving through water is extremely dangerous. Objects may be hidden underwater and the road may be weakened or even washed away.

"We are urging all residents of the County to stay at home until conditions improve. We will keep the public updated as more information becomes available," said Warden Cathy Burghardt-Jesson.