THE NEXT 48, 72 HOURS IS A LACK OF COMMON SENSE. WE WANT NO DRIVING WHATSOEVER IN THAT AREA OF THE CITY. THE WARNINGS TONIGHT FROM NEW YORK OFFICIALS. AS PART OF THE STATE INCLUDING BUFFALO FACES HISTORIC LEVELS OF SNOW. POTENTIALLY CAUSING DANGEROUS AND EVEN DEADLY CONDITIONS. MORE THAN HALF A METRE OR ABOUT TWO FEET HAS ALREADY FALLEN ON THE REGION WITH MUCH MORE TO COME. GOOD EVENING, THE SYSTEM ALSO MOVING IN OUR DIRECTION. Zuraidah: WHILE THE GTA IS EXPECTED TO DODGE THE WORST OF IT, IT WILL HAVE AN IMMENSE IMPACT ON MILLIONS OF PEOPLE IN SOUTHERN ONTARIO. WE HAVE TEAM COVERAGE OF THIS STORM FOR YOU TONIGHT. ADRIAN IS IN BUFFALO WITH THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS THERE. MICHELLE JOBIN IS TRACKING THE SYSTEM, WHERE IT'S GOING AND WHO WILL BE HIT HARDEST. Nathan: WE BEGIN IN FORT ERIE WHERE MIKE WALKER IS RIGHT NOW WITH A LOOK AT HOW PEOPLE THERE ARE FARING AND PREPARING. MIKE. Reporter: ALL DAY ACROSS TOWN WE SAW PEOPLE DIGGING OUT BUT MANY ARE CALLING THIS DUMPING OF SNOW THE CALM BEFORE THE STORM. FORT ERIE EXPECTED TO BE ONE OF THE HARDEST HIT COMMUNITIES IN THE NIAGARA REGION. THE TOWN SAYS ITS CREWS ARE READY TO RESPOND. DIGGING OUT AFTER THE FIRST BLAST OF WINTER WEATHER IN FORT ERIE. Reporter: IT'S WET. IT'S HEAVY. Reporter: MANY HERE ARE BRACING FOR A WALLOPOON THE HORIZON. Reporter: I HOPE IT DOESN'T. I TELL YOU THAT MUCH. I DON'T KNOW IF MY BACK CAN TAKE
MUCH MORE.
>> Reporter: RESIDENTS KEEPING
AN EYE ON THE SKY IN
NEIGHBOURING BUFFALO WHERE
NEARLY TWO FEET OF SNOW IS ON
THE GROUND AND MORE IS STILL TO
FALL.
>> IT CAN GO EITHER WAY.
IT DEPENDS ON THE WIND.
THAT'S IT.
>> Reporter: ENVIRONMENT CANADA
HAS ISSUED A SNOW SQUALL WATCH
FOR THE NIAGARA REGION.
WITH HEAVY LAKE EFFECT SNOW
EXPECTED TONIGHT AND THROUGHOUT
THE WEEKEND.
>> IN TERMS OF TOTAL SNOWFALL
AMOUNTS, PARTS OF THE NIAGARA
REGION COULD BE LOOKING AT 30 TO
60 CENTIMETRES BEFORE IT STARTS
TO TAPER OFF.
>> TONIGHT IS SUPPOSED TO BE THE
WORST FOR US.
SO I AM A LITTLE ANXIOUS ABOUT
IT.
>> Reporter: MANY LIKE CAROL
KNOW JUST HOW BAD THE WINTER CAN
BE.
>> IF YOU GET THAT BIG OF A
DUMPER.
WE HAVE A GENERATOR.
I'M NOT WITH WORRIED ABOUT THE
HYDRO.
AS LONG AS THE --
>> Reporter: FORT ERIE EXPECTED
TO BE THE HARDEST HIT TOWN IN
THE REGION.
ROAD CREWS ON STAND BY READY TO
CLEAR THE SNOW ON MORE THAN 400
KILOMETRES OF ROADS.
>> WE HAVE APPROXIMATELY TWO
DOZEN STAFF AVAILABLE INITIALLY.
THERE'S ADDITIONAL STAFF WE CAN
CALL IN IF WE NEED ADDITIONAL.
>> SCHOOL BUSS WERE CANCELLED,
SO TOO IS THIS WEEKEND'S SANTA
CLAUS PARADE.
>> WHEN YOU'RE PREPARING FOR AN
EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT TO SNOW,
YOU WANT TO ERR ON THE SIDE OF
CAUTION, PARTICULARLY IF YOU
HAVE CHILDREN.
>> SOME RESIDENTS ARE HUNKERING
THIS DOWN THIS WEEKEND.
WE HAVE FOOD AND WATER SUPPLIES.
WE HAVE BATTERIES, CANDLES.
>> Reporter: WHILE THOSE IN THE SNOW REMOVAL BUSINESS ARE PREPARING TO BE WORKING AROUND THE CLOCK.
>> I DO THE HOSPITAL.
YOU GOT TO KEEP IT OPEN.
YOU'RE THERE WHETHER YOU CAN SAY OR NOT.
>> Reporter: WITH THE RISK OF POOR VISIBILITY, THE NATIONAL WEATHER AGENCY URGING PEOPLE IN THE NIAGARA REGION TO AVOID UNNECESSARY TRAVEL.
BECAUSE OF THE GEOGRAPHY HERE, THE SNOWFALL AMOUNT CAN VARY ACROSS THE NIAGARA REGION.
FORT ERIE'S MAYOR SAYS HE WON'T HESITATE TO CALL ON NEIGHBOURING MUNICIPALITIES TO HAVE THEIR CREWS SUPPORT THE SNOW CLEARING IF IT'S NECESSARY.
REPORTING LIVE IN FORT ERIE, MIKE WALK.
>> Zuraidah: THANK YOU, MIKE.
SOME OF THE WORST HIT AREAS SO FAR ARE IN AND AROUND BUFFALO.
SCHOOLS ARE CLOSED, TRAVEL IS NEARLY IMPOSSIBLE.
>> Nathan: CTV'S ADRIAN REPORTS, OFFICIALS TELLING PEOPLE THERE TO GET READY FOR POTENTIALLY HISTORIC WEATHER EVENT.
>> Reporter: MORE THAN 6 MILLION PEOPLE ARE UNDER WEATHER ALERTS FROM WISCONSIN TO NEW YORK.
A STATE OF EMERGENCY HAS BEEN DECLARED IN BUFFALO.
The CITY FACING CONDITIONS NOT SEEN IN OVER 20 YEARS.
>> I WASN'T EXPECTING THIS.
THIS IS BIG.
I WASN'T EXPECTING THIS.
I HEARD THE STORM BUT I DIDN'T THINK NONE OF IT.
>> Reporter: A BLISTERING BLAST OF THUNDER SNOW AND PUNISHING BANDS OF LAKE EFFECT SNOW ARE EXPECTED TO PILE UP TO 1.2 METRES OVER THREE DAYS.
A DRIVING BAN IS IN PLACE IN HARD HIT SOUTH BUFFALO.
WE WANT NO DRIVING WHATSOEVER IN THAT AREA OF THE CITY. SO THE PLOWS CAN DO THEIR WORK.

REPORTER: THOSE VENTURING OUT FACE TREACHEROUS CONDITIONS. EMERGENCY CREWS HAVE RESPONDED TO SEVERAL ACCIDENTS.

A CAR UNDER THERE.

REPORTER: OFFICIALS URGE PEOPLE TO SHELTER IN PLACE. POWER IS OUT IN THOUSANDS OF HOMES AND BUSINESSES.

NATHAN: ADRIAN JOINS US FROM SOUTH BUFFALO WHERE PEOPLE ARE TAKING THE BRUNT OF THIS STORM. WHAT ARE PEOPLE THERE EXPECTING OVER THE NEXT 24 TO 48 HOURS? CAN YOU HEAR US, ADRIAN?

[INAUDIBLE] MORE OF WHAT YOU ARE SEEING RIGHT NOW. IT HAS BEEN SNOWING PRETTY MUCH SINCE 7:00 P.M. THERE'S BEEN A COUPLE OF BREAKS IN TOWN THIS AFTERNOON. THERE WAS SOME BREAKS IN THE SNOW.

IT JUST KEEPS ON COMING. IT'S NOT JUST -- THE AMOUNT OF SNOW, THAT'S COMING DOWN, IT IS SIMPLY THE -- IT IS THE VOLUME OF SNOW AND THE PACE IN WHICH IT IS COMING DOWN.

NATHAN: THAT'S CTV'S ADRIAN IN SOUTH BUFFALO. A BIT OF A DELAY THERE. WE WILL CHECK BACK WITH HIM LATER IN THE SHOW.

ZURAI'DAH: AHEAD TONIGHT, ELON MUSK AND TWITTER ARE ALSO CAUGHT UP IN THEIR OWN STORM. WE'LL SHOW HOW THE SOCIAL MEDIA GIANT HAS CONNECTED TO THE WEATHER EVENT THIS WEEKEND AND WHY ITS STAFFING TROUBLES COULD PLAY A KEY ROLE. MICHELLE JOBIN JOINS US WITH A LOOK AT THE CURRENT CONDITIONS HERE IN THE GTA. WE'VE GOT A FEW FLURRIES BUT NOTHING LIKE WHAT THEY ARE SEEING IN BUFFALO AND NIAGARA.

MICHELLE J.: THERE ARE MANY AREAS. I'LL GO THROUGH ALL OF THEM THAT
CAN EXPECT SNOW SQUALLS.
WE ARE LOOKING AT AREAS NORTH OF
THE CITY OF TORONTO IN AND
AROUND GREY AND BRUCE COUNTY
THAT COULD SEE UP TO 0UR 80
CENTIMETRES OF SNOW.
AS YOU CAN SEE SOME WIDESPREAD
ACTIVITY HERE
SNOW SQUALLS OFF THE UPPER GREAT
LAKES, LIGHT FLURRIES IN THE
GTA.
THOSE WILL BE WITH US.
IN AND AROUND THE REGION
HOVERING CLOSE TO THE ZERO MARK
IN THE GTA.
HERE ARE THOSE PERSISTENT WINDS
OUT OF THE SOUTHWEST THAT ARE
FUELLING THOSE SNOW SQUALLS OFF
THE LAKE.
I'LL TELL YOU WHY THAT IS LATER
ON.
RIGHT NOW IN THE ISLAND IT IS 1Â°
FEELING LIKE -5.
SOME LIGHT FLURRIES AT TIMES
OVERNIGHT, -6 FEELING LIKE -12.
WE'VE GOT A COLD WEEKEND AHEAD.
I'LL HAVE MORE DETAILS COMING UP
BACK TO YOU
>> Nathan: ONE OF THE MOST
EXCITING NIGHTS OF THE YEAR FOR
US AT CTV.
DEFINITELY A SIGN OF THE
UPCOMING SEASON.
TOY MOUNTAIN IS BACK FOR ITS
27TH CAMPAIGN IN SUPPORT OF THE
SALVATION ARMY HELPING CHILDREN
IN NEED ACROSS THE H
>> Zuraidah: THIS YEAR THAT NEED
IS BEING FELT BY MORE FAMILIES
FEELING THE SQUEEZE OF THE
RISING COST OF LIVING.
THANKS TO YOUR GENEROSITY, WE
CAN RAISE THE HOLIDAY SPIRITS OF
LOCAL KIDS.
WE ARE HOLDING A SPECIAL EVENT
TO KICK OFF THIS YEAR'S EFFORTS,
CTV ANDRIA CASE IS LIVE AT MEL
LASTMAN SQUARE WITH MORE.
>> Reporter: GOOD EVENING.
YES, HERE WE ARE, YOU CAN HEAR
THE SALVATION BAND BEHIND ME.
IT IS CHILLY AND COLD.
THE WIND IS BLOWING.
BUT IT'S A GOOD THING.
That means the holiday season is on its way. It is time to build a mountain of toys. I can't believe I'm saying that. Someone who is going to be saying it a lot over the next few weeks is very good friend from the Salvation Army. Glen, you are here. This is quite the set up. Tell us why it's so important that people give this year. >> We have many, many children in our community that need your support. We need you to help us build a mountain of toys. Over 30,000 children in this community that will be coming to the Salvation Army, parents seeking that support. We need, especially now, inflation is high. Costs of things are getting greater. We need to provide those parents with a list off their shoulders. Help people in our community. A great opportunity to support the Salvation Army through the CTV Toy Mountain campaign. Support your neighbours. Be a part of this great tradition, 27 years we've been doing this Andrea. Wow. Just wonderful. So thankful. >> You were a child when this started. 27 years. You can go to toy mountain.ca and you can make a donation there. You can go to many of our events that are going over the next six weeks. The band is striking up right now. We're going to be coming back throughout the show with some presentations, some entertainment -- the band just
ENDED RIGHT ON QUEUE.
I'M GOING TO SEND IT BACK INSIDE
TO THE STUDIO.
WE'LL BE BACK TO SEE HOW WE'RE
GOING TO START A BUILD.
>> A MOUNTAIN OF TOYS!
>> Zuraidah: WE'LL CHECK BACK
WITH YOU A LITTLE LATER.
ELSEWHERE TONIGHT, ONTARIO'S TOP
DOCTOR HAS SOME EXPLAINING TO
DO.
>> Nathan: HE WAS CAUGHT ON
CAMERA AT A PARTY THIS WEEK
MASKLESS JUST DAYS AFTER
STRONGLY RECOMMENDING ACROSS THE
PROVINCE PEOPLE SHOULD COVER UP
AT ALL TIMES WHILE INDOORS.
QUEEN'S PARK REPORTER SIOBHAN
MORRIS HAS THE DETAILS
>> Reporter: DR. MOORE MADE THAT
RECOMMENDATION AS WE START TO
SEE MORE AND MORE KIDS FALLING
SICK WITH RSV AND THE FLU AND TO
SOME DEGREE COVID-19.
THERE IS CONFUSION ABOUT WHY DR.
MOORE DOESN'T SEEM TO BE HEEDING
HIS OWN ADVICE.
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>> Reporter: THERE IS A SMILING
DR. KIERAN MOORE CELEBRATING
TORONTO LIFE MAGAZINE'S MOST
INFLUENTIAL PEOPLE IN THE CITY.
ONTARIO'S TOP DOCTOR WAS MIXING
AND MINGLING MASKLESS DAYS AFTER
A PLEA TO PROTECT KIDS.
>> IN RESPONSE TO THE WORSENING
TRENDS AND EXISTING CHALLENGES
FOR OUR HEALTH CARE SYSTEM I'M