

>> Announcer: CTV NEWS AT FIVE
>> M SO GLAD YOU COULD JOIN US ON
MONDAY MARCH 31st.

THE CLEANUP IS UNDERWAY AFTER
THE ICE STORM THAT...
POWER STILL OUT FOR SOME PEOPLE.
A LOT OF SCHOOL BUSES WERE
CANCELLED AND SCHOOLS WERE
CLOSED IN PARTS OF THE BROADCAST
REGION.

IS THE WEATHER GOING TO GET
BETTER SOON?

LET'S BRING IN RICK WYMAN.

>> YOU WILL GET A ONE-DAY
REPRIEVE.

YOUR FIRST TAKE ON WEATHER
BROUGHT TO YOU BY CAA.

GET YOUR MEMBERSHIP.

HERE'S THE SYSTEM THAT IS ABOUT
TO HIT NORTHEASTERN ONTARIO.

MORE RAIN, SNOW, FREEZING RAIN
BY WEDNESDAY.

HOVERING OVER MINNESOTA, BY
TUESDAY ARE TOMORROW EVENING,
STARTING ON WEDNESDAY MORNING WE
WILL HAVE SOME RAIN
ACCUMULATION.

RAIN AND FREEZING RAIN AND SOME
SNOW.

DETAILS COMING UP IN A COUPLE OF
MINUTES.

SORRY FOR THE BAD NEWS

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>>> IT'S BEEN QUITE THE WEEKEND
IN THE PROVINCE.

THE STORM HAS LEFT THOUSANDS OF
PEOPLE WITHOUT ELECTRICITY.

TO GIVE US A SENSE OF THE
OUTAGES AND WHAT POWER -- WHEN
POWER WILL BE BACK ON LET'S
BRING IN...

SHE NOW JOINED US FROM
MISSISSAUGA.

EITHER.

>> THANK YOU FOR HAVING ME.

>> Tony: OUR CREWS GETTING THE
UPPER HAND HERE AND ELSEWHERE IN
THE PROVINCE?

>> WE ARE CALLING TODAY OUR
FIRST DAY OF RESTORATION WHERE
CREWS HAVE BEEN ABLE TO RESTORE
POWER TO CUSTOMERS WITHOUT
HAVING WEATHER RIGHT BEHIND THEM
AND WREAK ADDITIONAL HAVOC.
WE ARE GOING TO TAKE THE STEPS
ON THAT AND LOOK AT THE BRIGHT

SIDE OF THE SITUATION.

>> IS IT THE ICE ON THE TREES
AND THEN...

IS THAT WHAT'S HAPPENING?

>> ABSOLUTELY.

THERE IS PARTS OF THE PROVINCE
LARGELY CENTRAL AND EASTERN
ONTARIO HAD A SYSTEM COME
THROUGH OVERNIGHT FRIDAY NIGHT
INTO SATURDAY.

THAT WAS ONE ROUND OF FREEZING
RAIN.

THAT CAUSED OUTAGES, CRUISER
MAKING RESTORATION DURING WHILE
THAT WAS HAPPENING.

AND THEN WE HAD A SECOND SYSTEM
COME RIGHT OVER AND HIT THE SAME
AREA.

DURING THE COURSE OF SATURDAY
INTO SUNDAY.

SO THAT POSED ADDITIONAL
CHALLENGES.

YOU SAW ADDITIONAL WEIGHT ON
THOSE TREES AND BRANCHES SO IT
REALLY STARTED TO COME DOWN AND
THAT'S WHERE WE SAW OUTAGE
NUMBERS JUMP.

IN ADDITION THERE WAS THAT THIRD
SYSTEM THAT CAME THROUGH AND
REALLY CROSSED THE TOP WHERE
YOUR VIEWERS ARE LARGELY ACROSS.
IN NORTH BAY, SUDBURY, NOT TOO
MUCH DAMAGE THANKFULLY.

THERE ARE SOME CUSTOMERS OUT
RIGHT NOW AND HOPEFULLY WE WILL
HAVE THEM RESTORED SHORTLY.

BUT IT HAS BEEN A CHALLENGING
FEW DAYS IN TERMS OF WHAT
MOTHER NATURE HAS BROUGHT US.

>> Tony: HOW DID THEY
DETERMINE WHO GETS POWER
RESTORED FIRST?

>> IMAGINE YOU HAVE TO REPAIR
MAIN LINES THAT SERVE
COMMUNITIES BEFORE YOU CAN GET
INTO THE COMMUNITY AND START
REPAIRING THE SECONDARY LINES
AND WHAT I LIKE TO CALL THE
NEIGHBOURHOOD LINES.

WHAT YOU SEE OUTSIDE ON YOUR
STREETS.

IF YOU ARE NOT MAKING THE
REPAIRS THE MAINLINE IT DOESN'T
MATTER WHAT YOU DO IN FRONT OF
THE HOME BECAUSE THE POWER CAN'T
ACTUALLY FLOW THERE.

IF YOU THINK OF IT LIKE A LEGO,
YOU HAVE TO BUILD A FOUNDATION I
MAKE THOSE REPAIRS AND THEN KEEP
BUILDING UP ON THAT.

>> Tony: WHAT RECOMMENDATION
DO YOU HAVE FOR PEOPLE TO
SURVIVE THIS BLACK OUT, SOME
PEOPLE HAVE BEEN WITHOUT
ELECTRICITY FOR THREE DAYS AND
OTHERS FOR 24 HOURS.

>> THAT IS IN THE NEWS ANYONE
WANTS TO HEAR BUT WE WANT TO BE
VERY TRANSPARENT SO THAT
EVERYONE CAN MAKE THE DECISION
THAT'S RIGHT FOR THEM AND THEIR
FAMILIES IN THE SITUATION.
SOME PEOPLE ARE PREPARED AND
THEY CAN SHELTER IN PLACE.
IF YOU ARE DOING THAT IT'S
CRITICALLY IMPORTANT THAT IF YOU
ARE RUNNING A GENERATOR IT'S
OUTSIDE.

VENTILATION IS KEY.

IF YOU ARE LOOKING TO COOK,
PLEASE DO NOT BARBECUE INSIDE
YOUR HOME OR GARAGE.

EVERY TIME THERE'S A LARGE SCALE
EVENT YOU HEAR HORROR STORIES OF
ACCIDENTS GONE WRONG.

IF YOU DON'T HAVE THE ABILITY TO
STAY AT HOME AND IT'S SAFER TO
STAY WITH FRIENDS AND FAMILY,
THAT'S WHAT YOU NEED TO DO TO
WEATHER THE NEXT COUPLE OF DAYS
BECAUSE THAT'S HOW LONG IT'S
GOING TO TAKE TO GET YOUR POWER
BACK ON.

>> Tony: THANK YOU FOR YOUR
TIME.

I KNOW IT'S VERY BUSY FOR YOU
AND YOUR CREWS SO THANKS AGAIN.

>> THANK YOU FOR HAVING ME.

>> Tony: IN CASE YOU ARE
WONDERING WHERE ALL THE OUTAGES
ARE DON'T FORGET GO TO HYDROEV
ONE.COM.

>>> IT'S MADE FOR SOME
CHALLENGING CONDITIONS FORADDI THOSE
WHO ARE HOMELESS.

THERE'S ANOTHER EXTREME COLD
WEATHER ALERT AND SUDBURY WHICH
MEANS ADDITIONAL RESOURCES WILL
BE AVAILABLE.

MORE FROM ALANA EVERSON.

>> Reporter: COREY GOLD IS H
HOMELESS AND SPENDS HIS NIGHT IN

THE WARMING CENTRE AT THE SAMARITAN CENTER.
HE SAYS HE USES A WALKER BECAUSE OF MOBILITY AND PAIN ISSUES.
ADDING THE STORM OVER THE WEEKEND AGGRAVATED THAT PAIN.
>> IT WAS VERY DIFFICULT TO GET AROUND.
I WALK WITH A WALKER, IT MADE A VERY CHALLENGING TO MOVE THROUGH THE ICE AND SIDEWALK BECAUSE THE WALKER GET STUCK.
I FOUND IT VERY PAINFUL...
>> Reporter: HE ADMITS HE'S LIVING WITH A FENTANYL ADDICTION AND HAS HE TAKES IT FOR THE PAIN HE SAYS...
AND DEEPLY APPRECIATES HAVING A WARM PLACE TO STAY AT NIGHT AT THE WARMING CENTER.
EVEN THOUGH PEOPLE HAVE TO ROTATE IN AND OUT EVERY HALF HOUR WHEN IT'S CAPACITY.
>> Reporter: ARE CAMERAS CAPTURED THESE SHOTS OF THE ENCAMPMENT MONDAY MORNING. WITH ICE BEGINNING TO MELT.
THEY CONFIRM THEY CAN ONLY SERVE AT THE TAKE-OUT WINDOW SATURDAY NIGHT BECAUSE OF A SHORTAGE OF VOLUNTEERS DUE TO THE STORM.
NO ONE FROM THE HOMELESSNESS NETWORK WAS AVAILABLE TO TALK TO US BECAUSE OF A STAFFING SHORTAGE TODAY.
BUT CONFIRMS THERE HAVE BEEN 50 EXTREME COLD WEATHER ALERTS ISSUED SINCE NOVEMBER INCLUDING TONIGHT.
ALANA EVERSON, CTV NEWS, SUDBURY((
>>> FOR SOCIAL SERVICES BOARD AND THE NIPISSING DISTRICT IS STEPPING INTO TAKE CONTROL OF 22 TOWNHOUSE UNITS.
THE BOARD SAID IT HAD NO CHOICE AFTER ALL BUT ONE BOARD MEMBER THAT OVERSEES THE HOUSING COMPLEX QUIT.
ERIC TASCHNER HAS DETAILS.
>> Reporter: TO MAKE SURE THESE LOW INCOME HOUSES ON MARSHALL AVENUEENOT ARE NOT IMPACTED, THE SOCIAL SERVICES BOARD IS ASSUMING CONTROL OF THEM.
>> HOW DO YOU REPLACE A HOUSING

FACILITY LIKE THAT?

IT TAKES FOUR THREE YEARS --
ABOUT THREE YEARS WANT TO GO
THROUGH THE PLANNING PROCESS TO
MAKE SOMETHING LIKE THAT HAPPEN.

>> Reporter: THAT SUBSIDIZED
HOUSING UNITS WERE OPERATED BY A
NONPROFIT.

UNTIL ALL BUT ONE BOARD MEMBER
QUIT.

THE SOCIAL SERVICES BOARD SAYS
IT HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO ASSUME
CONTROL OF THE HOUSING UNITS
BECAUSE THE BOARD'S GOVERNANCE
WAS IN LIMBO.

>> A CAME RIGHT OUT OF THE BLUE.
THERE'S NO QUESTION WE WILL FIND
OUT WHAT TRANSPIRED THERE.
WE'VE ASKED -- I ASKED FOR
AUDITED STATEMENTS ON THE
FACILITY.

>> Reporter: THE BOARD MEMBERS
WILL NOW ACT AS...
THEY SAY THE TRANSITION TEAM IS
MADE UP OF THE HOUSING
CORPORATION, THE SOCIAL SERVICES
BOARD AND FORMER BOARD PRESIDENT
DEEMED A COST WHO HAS STEPPED
DOWN.

>> THE BOARD WILL BE ADVISED
WITH THE FINANCIAL SITUATION IS
OF THE HOUSING FACILITY.
IT'S PROBABLY IN PRETTY GOOD
SHAPE FROM THE STANDPOINT OF THE
BUILDINGS.

>> Reporter: DURING THE FIRST
MEETING OF THE NEWLY FORMED
BOARD LAST WEEK, NEW LEADERSHIP
APPOINTMENTS WERE ESTABLISHED.
ETHEL LAVALLEE WAS APPOINTED AS
PRESIDENT.

SHE WRITES BY ALIGNING THE
EXPERTISE AND RESOURCES OF...
WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT THIS WILL
CONTINUE TO PROVIDE QUALITY
HOUSING SUPPORT FOR ITS
RESIDENTS.

HOUSING CORPORATION AND SOCIAL
SERVICES BOARD SIDE IT WILL
FOCUS ON MAKING POSITIVE CHANGES
TO ENSURE THE HOUSING COMPLEX IS
HERE TO STAY.

ERIC TASCHNER, CTV NEWS,
NORTH BAY.

>>> A 38-YEAR-OLD WOMAN FROM
NORTH BAY IS CHARGED WITH

MANSLAUGHTER AFTER A POLICE INVESTIGATION INTO A DEATH LAST FALL AT THE NORTH BAY JAIL. WHILE A SUSPECT AND VICTIM WERE BOTH IN CUSTODY IN OCTOBER, THE ACCUSED SUPPLIED ILLEGAL DRUGS TO THE VICTIM WHO DIED AFTER CONSUMING THEM. DAMAGES ESTIMATED BETWEEN 75 AND \$100,000 AFTER A HOUSE FIRE. FIRE CREWS WERE CALLED TO A HOME ON HOW WE DRIVE JUST BEFORE 1:00 P.M. SUNDAY. DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF SAYS THE FIRE IS NOT CONSIDERED SUSPICIOUS. IT'S BELIEVED THAT COMBUSTIBLE MATERIALS WERE LOCATED TOO CLOSE TO A HEATER. NO ONE WAS HOME AT A TIME. >>> IN LIGHT OF THE ONGOING TRADE WAR WITH THE UNITED STATES, WE'VE BEEN HEARING ABOUT HOW MANY CANADIANS ARE CANCELLING THEIR VACATIONS SOUTH OF THE BORDER. YET MANY AMERICANS WHO FREQUENT NORTHERN ONTARIO SAY THEY ARE STILL GOING AHEAD WITH THEIR TRAVEL PLANS. AMANDA HICKS REPORTS. >> Reporter: THE HISTORY EXTEND BACK FOR GENERATIONS. HIS GREAT-GRANDFATHER PURCHASED PROPERTY IN THIS AREA IN THE 30s AND THE OHIO NATIVE SAYS