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Seasonal, but drier last month

This November, Ontarians experienced temperatures that were seasonal, but the precipitation conditions were drier than normal.

Mean temperatures for the province were within the normal range, with northern Ontario slightly warmer than normal. Meanwhile, drier conditions were the norm across the province. In southwestern Ontario, 10 locations set records for lowest total precipitation for the month. The locations that experienced significant snow-fall events during the month received near-normal precipitation amounts as a result.

Severe Weather
 A couple of winter weather episodes over northern Ontario and the first appreciable snow squall event southeast of Lake Huron and Georgian Bay were the most notable severe weather events during the month of November. The first one began on the morning of November 10 as a low-pressure system moved northeastward into Nebraska. Some freezing

precipitation along the northern edge of the system then began in portions of northwestern Ontario. A day later, the storm had spread a messy mixture of snow, ice pellets, freezing rain and rain across the areas north of Lake Superior and into northeastern Ontario.

The second large winter storm affecting northern Ontario during the month moved into the Fort Frances area

ed by the weather system and these poor conditions were a factor in a serious multi-vehicle collision in the Timmins area that resulted in three fatalities.

In the wake of this storm system, arctic air flooded down over the open and warmer waters of Lake Huron and Georgian Bay. This set up a classic lake-effect snow situation. Fortunately, the heaviest bands of snow did not remain over any one single area for a prolonged period of time. However, from November 23 to November 26, winds from the west and northwest sent bands of snow over the Bruce Peninsula and over areas around southern Georgian Bay and Lake Simcoe. As the flurry activity died down late on November 26, the

Warton area had received roughly 36 centimeters, the Barrie area had picked up some 25 centimeters and areas to the north of Lake Simcoe had received local amounts of 20 centimeters or more.



from the Dakotas on the morning of November 22. By late in the day, the storm had moved northeast of Lake Superior. What began as rain in the Thunder Bay area that evening changed over to snow during the early morning hours of the next day. By the time the snow began to diminish on the morning of November 23, Thunder Bay had received 20 to 25 centimeters of snow. This resulted in Friday school cancellations. Road conditions across the north were impact-

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