

Drivers don't adjust to winter conditions, says OPP

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tions centre. "Many of the accidents aren't serious, there's just a lot of them. If people drive according to conditions, they would have no problems, but...they're driving as if it's dry pavement."

On the public transit front, GO bus and train services ran relatively smoothly throughout the bad weather, according to spokesperson Ed Shea.

Delays ranged from 45 minutes for buses on Thursday evening to 20 minutes on Friday morning. Travelers on GO trains fared better, arriving 20 minutes behind schedule both days.

Technically, Buttonville Airport remained open, although some flights were canceled or delayed, said Toronto Airways vice-president Derek Sifton.

On Friday morning, only one of three scheduled flights to Ottawa took off.

At the height of the storm on Thursday, many employers, such as the towns of Markham and Newmarket, sent their employees home early and the King campus of Seneca College canceled evening classes.

York Region residents reeling from the shock of the weather onslaught received no sympathy from Rob Simpson, a forecaster at Environment Canada.

"This is not unusual, but it is remarkable because it is our first good winter storm for this winter season," he said.

"However, if you recall last year by this time, we had had several storms of this type and as a result, people were used to them.

"This is our first of the season, so it's always a little more remarkable."

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