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The City of Toronto continues to respond to the power outage and support those affected by the outage.

Toronto Hydro has confirmed that power has been restored to approximately 11,000 customers. Work continues and updates will be issued as hydro is restored. There is no exact time known when power will be restored. Please listen to news reports for more information.

If you are elderly or disabled and have lost your power and require transportation to a reception centre please call 416 392 9391 and the staff from our Long Term Care facility will assist you.

If you have an elderly or disabled friend or relative in the area please visit or call them to see if they require assistance. If you are not able to visit or contact them and would like someone from the City to follow up, please call Access Toronto at 416 338 0338. Access Toronto will arrange for a visit from staff from Toronto Transportation, Solid Waste Management or Public Health who are working together to check on residents.

Water pipes - city residents should open a tap in their home at the lowest point in their home. Residents can also open a tap at the highest point in their home as well. Residents should not turn off the water to their homes. Water should be kept on to keep the pipes from freezing. Only a very small flow of water is necessary to keep the water moving.

People driving thru the affected area should be extremely careful with their driving.

Please call 911 only for emergency situations and utilize the non-emergency number of 416-808-2222 for non-emergency calls. Please check on your neighbours and the elderly to ensure their safety. Police have brought in additional resources to assist with traffic direction.

The TTC has now been able to open up more stations as a result of limited power restoration along Bloor St. W.. Shuttle buses are now running between Keele and Bathurst stations. All subway stations between Keele and Bathurst remain closed. The 506 Carlton streetcar line that was affected by this power outage, has now cleared.

All city facilities (community and recreation centres, day cares) in the area that are without power are closed. Any libraries or recreation centres outside the immediate area or that have power will welcome members of the public.

All Toronto Public Library branches are open today with the following exceptions:

Dufferin/St. Clair, High Park and Palmerston are closed due to the power outage.

St. Clair/Silverthorn, Perth/Dupont and Davenport will be late opening today. Further updates will be provided on their status as we have the information. Sanderson is closed for state of good repair renovations

Reception Centres - there are now 8 centres open. Queen's Park has been added as a reception centre. Media are not permitted to enter the reception centres. The reception centres are:

Metro Hall, 55 John Street*

York Civic Centre, 2700 Eglinton Avenue West*

JJ Piccininni Community Centre, 1369 St. Clair Avenue West*

Castelview Wychwood Long Term Care, 351 Christie Street*

Memorial Community Centre, 44 Montgomery Road*

Harrison Pool, 15 Stephanie Street*

Trinity Bellwoods Community Recreation Centre, 155 Crawford Street*

Queen's Park at Queen's Park Circle and Charles Street West

* Pets are allowed in the reception centres marked with an asterisk.

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