

## And This is Why.....

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It is that time of year after all; Ontario this year basked in warm, sunny weather for most of the summer and those temperate conditions lasted well into the fall. In fact because their weather has been so unusual even now many of the deciduous trees, which should be naked of their foliage, are still displaying all of their leaves. Though up until yesterday the weather has been pretty typical with cold, overcast skies and some rain, it wasn't until we were blasted overnight with snow that the leafiness of the trees became so apparent.

The snow caused the usual "first snowfall" havoc and we'd heard that in this Simcoe County region there were as many as sixty fender benders reported by 11:00 AM. The "white stuff" was heavy, sticky (perfect for making snowmen) and plentiful! Everything is covered in this beautiful, cold blanket and driving in it can be treacherous for everyone, especially those folks with no snow tires.

I know this frozen precipitation arrived here just for us; to gently remind us why we have decided to make New Westminster our home. It has given us an opportunity to drive in it, to walk in it and to enjoy looking at how pretty everything looks blanketed in it. It was really only here in Barrie that was blasted with it; anywhere else just a few kilometres in almost every direction outside of Barrie have had no snow at all or just a tiny dusting of it. According to the weather experts (?) it will be all gone by Sunday and depending on which one you listen to, this part of Canada will not experience a ton of snow this winter or they will get more than usual and it is anybody's guess as to when it will return.

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