



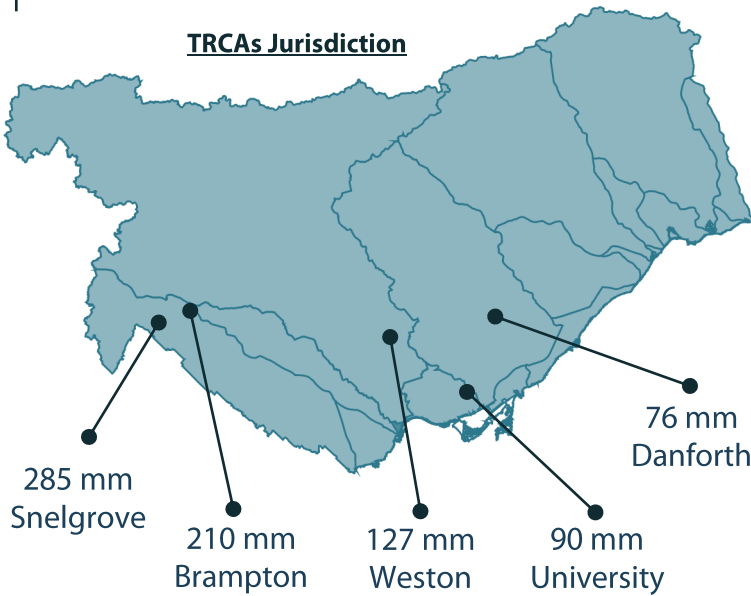
The storm of the century

Remembering Hurricane Hazel 60 Years Later

Hazel was the fourth major hurricane of 1954. It formed on October 5th near the island of Grenada in the southern Caribbean. The storm was originally expected to take a northeasterly track but instead raced northward. It spanned the distance from the Carolina coastline to Ontario in just 12 hours. Instead of dissipating, the storm merged with a cold front and re-intensified unexpectedly and rapidly. On October 15, 1954, Hazel struck Southern Ontario. The storm pounded the Toronto region with winds that reached 110 kilometres per hour (68 mph) and rainfall up to 285 millimetres (11.23 inches) in 48 hours. Despite all of the historic blizzards, floods, ice storms and tornado outbreaks, Hurricane Hazel is still remembered as Canada's "storm of the century."

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HAZEL IN NUMBERS



The number of people in Ontario who lost their lives



The number of houses on Raymore Drive washed away by flood water



Hazel's maximum wind speed (mph)



The number of people left homeless in southern Ontario

\$100 MILLION

The cost of the destruction (approximately 1 billion dollars today)

300 MILLION

The number of tons of water that fell during the storm*

*This equivalent to all the water going over Horseshoe Falls in Niagara in 1.5 days

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