



Corporation of the Village of McBride

Snow and Ice Policy
PW – 01

Purpose:

Practices and procedures need to be in place to establish standard processes to reduce snow and ice hazards within the municipal boundaries. The main objectives of this policy are to establish maintenance standards for pre-storm, storm and post storm conditions. This policy is intended to mitigate hazardous conditions on streets, sidewalks and Village owned parking lots resulting from the accumulation of snow and ice during winter months.

Regulations:

1. Normal Public Works Department operations are for one (1) shift per day of all activities. Abnormal weather and/or road conditions may dictate to what extent overtime and additional forces are implemented. All overtime is to be approved by the Public Works Supervisor.
2. A list of priorities is essential to planning winter snow and ice control and to provide the greatest benefit to the majority of the travelling public. Priorities are as listed below:
 - a. Designated downtown area
 - i. Main Street
 - ii. Main Street – 5th Avenue – Hospital Route
 - iii. Main Street – 2nd Avenue – School Route
 - iv. Main Street – 3rd Avenue – School Route
 - b. Secondary/ Collector Routes – CN Station 1st Avenue and Truck Route
 - c. Robson Centre
 - d. Frontage Roads
 - e. Residential Areas
 - f. Transfer Station
 - g. Commercial Lanes
 - h. Lanes
 - i. Other public space, as time and resources permit
3. During a major storm event, operations will continue to be repeated on the highest priorities until completed before moving on to the next priority. This may result in higher accumulations in the lower priority areas. The Public Works Supervisor may choose to hire additional outside resources to complete the priority list.
4. Following a major storm event, plowing of travelled lanes and parking areas will begin. Travelled lanes and parking will be completed within 8 – 24 hours. Residential areas will be plowed and windrowed for cleanup, this could take up to 24 – 96 hours to complete.



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5. Thoroughfares, frontage roads, the downtown core area, Main Street, including hospitals and secondary routes are plowed upon accumulations of five (5) cm or more of snow. Some areas within these categories require the snow to be windrowed in the roadways for haul-off to a designated site.
6. Residential, Commercial, parking areas and lanes are plowed upon accumulation of ten (10) cm or more of snow.
7. Sidewalk snow removal priorities are as listed:
 - a. Main Street
 - b. Main Street – 5th Avenue – Beaverview Lodge to Post Office
 - c. Robson Centre
 - d. Elementary School Sidewalks are cleared to School Bus unloading area
 - e. Church sidewalks are cleared when time allows
8. Sanding will be done on an as-required basis, as directed by the Public Works Supervisor and priority listing will be the same as snow plowing.
9. Sidewalks will receive ice control, as conditions dictate and/or as deemed necessary by the Public Works Supervisor, by applying road sand, lava rock and/or de-icers.
10. During snow removal periods, traffic control may be utilized.
11. Operators may reduce windrows of snow at the end of driveways in areas to allow for reasonable access.
12. Village Boulevards will be used for snow storage as needed.
13. The Village of McBride has three disposal sites. Maintenance to these sites will be based on dumping demands as determined by the Public Works Supervisor. The Disposal sites are located as follows:
 - a. 1st Avenue and Dominion Street
 - b. Airport Road (Rap-attack Parking Lot)
 - c. 4th Avenue and Dominion Street

Approved through Council Resolution ___035/14___ this 11th day of February, 2014.

CAO Signature