

**SNOW CLEARING POLICY**

APPROVED

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Signature of Approval of Authorized Personnel: _____

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POLICY STATEMENT:

Snow clearing within the Town of Redwater will be implemented by priority based on the guidelines set within this policy.

Winter snow clearing may be implemented by the Public Works Department based on:

1. A single event of loose snowfall greater than 15 cm and/or
2. A total compacted accumulation depth of snow 15 cm or greater and/or
3. The evaluation of the Infrastructure Manager.

PURPOSE:

To provide a standard policy for the purpose of snow clearing procedures within the Town of Redwater.

PROCEDURES:Priorities

Snow shall be cleared in the following priority (see attached map for further reference):

Priority 1:	Main Access Routes around Town	Yellow
Priority 2:	Access Routes	Red
Priority 3:	Downtown Core	Green
Priority 4:	Residential and school bus stops	
	• Denotes school bus stops	
Priority 5:	Industrial areas	Blue
Priority 6:	Commercial lane ways	Purple
Priority 7:	Residential Alleys	
Highway 38 (48 th Avenue):	Alberta Transportation Responsibility	Grey

Snow Fall Event

In the event of a snowfall:

- Where possible vehicles should be removed from the streets immediately to facilitate faster snow clearing.
- Priority areas 1 and 2 will be cleared without any prior notice. Any vehicles or items parked on the street will be ploughed around.
- Once Priority areas 1, 2 and 3 are complete Public Works will review all areas of the Town and plough any residential streets that are free of vehicles.
- Snow clearing signs giving 24 hour notice to remove vehicles will be erected on remaining streets. Vehicles that are not removed in accordance with the 24 hour notice will be ploughed around and could be removed, at the owner's expense, to another location (72 hours-refer to Traffic Safety Bylaw).
- In the event of an emergency, 24 hour notice may not be provided.
- If the snowfall occurs on the weekend, only the Priority 1 main access routes will be cleared.

Methods of Clearing

The method of clearing shall be as follows:

- Where possible (allowing for open, non-occupied boulevards) snow shall be ploughed toward the boulevards.
- Where there are sidewalks on one side, with an open boulevard on the second side, snow shall be ploughed to the open boulevard.
- Where the sidewalks on both sides of the street are adjacent to the street the snow shall be ploughed to the centre of the street. This snow will be removed, but only after all streets are cleared.
- If during the process of snow clearing by Town equipment driveways become blocked, the driveways shall be cleared of snow once the snow clearing is completed on that street.
- If during the process of snow clearing by Town equipment access to street walkways becomes blocked, the walkways shall be cleared of snow once the snow clearing is completed on that street.
- Driveway and walkway access will be cleared, generally within 10 – 24 hours.

Alleys

Alleys will only be cleared after all other priority routes are cleared of snow and only when the snow is in excess of 20 cm in the alley or at the discretion of the Infrastructure Manager.

The exception to this policy statement is the alley which forms part of the emergency route that is cleared in accordance with Priority 2 and indicated on the attached map.

Consideration will be given to alleys in the residential and commercial areas that drift in and are inaccessible, at the discretion of the Infrastructure Manager. There may be occasions, other than the emergency route, when an alley is cleared before the residential



street adjacent to it. This may occur in order to provide the opportunity for residents to move their vehicles from the main street so that the main street can be cleared.

Residents Concerns

Concerns will be recorded on a list at the Town Administrative Office. Public Works will respond to concerns in accordance with this policy.

Due to the limited number of Town staff, snow plowing will not be done on a 24 hour basis.

