



SNOW CLEARING POLICY

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Signature of Approval of Authorized Personnel: _____

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 5 cm and/or
2. A total compacted accumulation depth of snow 10 cm or greater and/or
3. Based on icy road conditions with minimal snow accumulation, sanding of key intersection and removal of hazards snow drifts on main routes will occur as determined by 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 /Downtown Core	Red
Priority 3:	Residential Streets and school bus stops	
	• Denotes school bus stops	
Priority 4:	Industrial areas	Blue
Priority 5:	Commercial Alleys	Purple
Priority 6:	Residential Alleys	

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 and 2 are complete Public Works will review all other areas of the Town for total compacted accumulation depth of snow over 10 cm. Residential snow clearing operations will begin at that time. The service target for completion is minimum 6 days. Should a second snowfall occur prior to the completion of initial snow clearing operations the priorities will be reset, however the service target time will be minimum 6 days from the most recent snowfall event.
- Snow Removal signs will be put out a minimum of 24 hours prior to a street being cleared. Residents are required to remove all vehicles from the roadway, if any vehicle or item parked on the street will be ploughed around.
- In the event of an emergency, 24-hour notice may not be provided.
- Only the Priority 1 main access routes will be cleared should a snowfall occur on weekend.

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 are located on both sides of the street and no boulevard is present, the snow shall be ploughed to the centre of the street creating a windrow. This windrow will be removed within 48 hours.
- If during the process of snow clearing by the Town 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 the Town 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 such clearing shall be at the discretion of the Infrastructure Manager.

The exception to this policy statement is the alley which forms part of the emergency route connecting 54th Avenue, West of Daycare to Golf Course and running south towards 51st Avenue 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 sole 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 address the areas of concern on a priority basis with follow up in accordance with this policy.

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