

POLICY AND DIRECTIVES		
SNOW CLEARING & CLEAN-UP OPERATIONS POLICY		
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Part A – Snow Clearing

Purpose of the Policy:

To establish priorities and direction for staff in snow removal operations following major/heavy snowfalls.

Policy:

It shall be the normal practice of the City of Thompson Public Works Department to remove snow and/ or ice from City streets and/or sidewalks in the event of a heavy snowfall, or when the accumulation of snow or ice poses a hazard to vehicular or pedestrian traffic.

Every effort shall be made to clear all streets and sidewalks at least once during a **four to five working day** period in conclusion of a snowstorm and carried out as defined in the following priorities (see attached map).

In the event of a heavy snowfall (10 cm or more -Environment Canada Advisory) within a 24 hr period

Priority One-

- (1) Main Road: Thompson Drive, Princeton Drive, Westwood Drive and Cree Road
- (2) Access points for: Schools, R.C.M.P., Fire Hall and General Hospital
- (3) Main artery and access sidewalks

In the event of 20 cm or more of snow within 48 hours (Environment Canada Advisory)

Priority Two-

- (1) Additional Main routes including bus routes

- (2) Sidewalks
- (3) Commercial Area

Priority Three-

- (1) Residential streets
- (2) Driveways affected will be cleared while in the neighborhood area.
- (3) Sidewalks

When snow storms are continuous or follow closely one after the other, operations will be repeated or continued on the highest priority until completed before moving on to the next Priority.

In the event of an extreme snow storm and where the policy cannot be achieved external forces may be required to fulfill the snow clearing policy mandate.

- Property owners are required to mark any obstructions such as curbs, or any other property that may be damaged during snow clearing operations. If the property owner does not wish to have his/her driveway cleared, a sign indicating such should be placed near the end of the driveway. The City shall not be responsible for damage that is done to driveways or other obstructions by providing this service.
- For the purpose of a snow removal operation, portable signs indicating that parking is prohibited will be used where conditions warrant. Vehicles parked on a street that has signs indicating that parking is prohibited will be towed away at the owner's expense without further notice.
- If conditions permit, windrows will be removed from areas which pose a safety hazard to vehicular and pedestrian traffic. The city is not responsible for the removal of sand from private property as a result of sanding and snow clearing operations.

In the event the ambient temperature reaches -35 degrees Celsius, snow clearing equipment will not be dispatched to avoid unnecessary damage to equipment unless The City has experienced a heavy snowfall (10 cm or more) in the last 24 hours, or is currently under a heavy snowfall warning from Environment Canada.

Part B – Snow Clean-Up

Purpose of the Policy:

To establish priorities and direction for staff involving cleanup after a snow event.

Policy:

The following policy shall be adhered to during a cleanup.

Priority One –

Main artery road and access points for schools

In these areas where snow windrows (Defined as accumulations of snow on curb/boulevard locations) shall be removed when accumulation is higher than 1.5 meters.

Further at that point all windrows from main arteries coming to intersections shall have 50 meters of snow cleared and hauled away.

Access to all hydrants will be accomplished by removing snow in front of them.

Priority Two –

All bus stops and shelters shall be cleared of snow obstructions.

Priority Three –

City Owned parking lots shall be cleared and snow hauled away.

Priority Four –

- Residential corners greater than two (2) meters shall be cleared and hauled away.
- Residents who are elderly or infirm and live alone without assistance shall have their driveways cleaned. This is based on a snow removal agreement form being filled out prior to entering the property.

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