



SNOW REMOVAL

Purpose:

The purpose of this policy is to establish priority routing for snow removal from Town streets, avenues and public areas, following the Municipal Government Act RSA 2000, Part 3, Division 2, Section 18(1), whereby a Municipality has the direction, control and management of all roads within the Municipality.

Policy Statement:

To establish a route for snow removal within the Town of Vauxhall based on a priority system so that:

- emergency, business and public service routes are cleared in a timely manner
- ratepayers are treated equitably
- service expectation is defined.

Scope/Application:

The Public Works Department will carry out all snow removal activities within the Town.

The On-Call operator will be responsible for the initial inspection of Town streets during a new snowfall on regular days off. If there is a risk to the public using the Town streets the operator must contact the foreman or designate, then proceed as directed.

The Public works foreman or designate will be responsible for gathering staff on regular days off to clear snow in a large storm event. Authorization for contractor support must be obtained from the Chief Administrative Officer in the event additional support is required due to the size and extent of a winter storm(s). The call for contracted support is to be assessed on an as needed event basis.

Designated snow dumps that limit or reduce snow melt causing high groundwater are to be used as follows, north of 7th Ave N between 7th and 6th Street, south of 1st Ave N adjacent to the old CPR property, NO Town Staff or Equipment will be permitted to dump snow on private property.

The following list is to be used as a guideline for priority street route clearing:

1. Fire and Ambulance Service take priority above all other areas
2. Main Street 2nd Ave Commercial access from 1st Street to 6th Street
3. 7th Ave end to end complete
4. School and Bus route (7th Street, 6th Street and 5th Ave A)
5. Municipal Office Route 5th Street from 1st Ave north to 6th Street
6. Arena area (access only)
7. Avenues 2nd and 3rd, Streets 2nd and 9th.
8. Scoot Alleys (*Scooting is when a loader bucket is set to level and then runs down an alley allowing side spillage of snow that opens access to the alley*)



The following list is to be used as a guideline for priority sidewalk route clearing:

1. Town office
2. Town owned vacant lots
 - a. Main Street (2nd Ave) – park adjacent to drug store
 - b. Main Street (2nd Ave) - lot(s) adjacent to Haven Agency
 - c. 1st Avenue & 5th Street – corner lot(s)
3. Town parks (west end, fireman)