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TITLE: WINTER OPERATIONS - SNOW CLEARING AND REMOVAL		DATE LAST REVIEWED BY MGMT or COUNCIL Amended Oct. 19, 2010 - #28753

Purpose

To reduce economic losses to the community and businesses caused by restricted traffic conditions.
 To facilitate the movement of emergency vehicles.
 To allow safe passage for all traffic, consistent with winter conditions.

Guidelines

All snow plowing and/or removal on streets shall be done according to a priority basis. The priority of streets and level of service shall be as follows:

All-Out Plow

Accumulation of 10cm or more of snowfall over a 24 hour basis will result in an all-out plow operation. The first streets to be cleared are the access routes to Highway 5 (Crocus/Mill, Commerce). At the same time, Brown from Main to Hospital and Hospital from Mountain to Neepawa Hospital are cleared including Veteran’s Way and the PCH access for an ambulance route. First Av is cleared from Main St to Brydon St (this covers the fire department), Second Av and Third Av are cleared for the school bus routes. All the hill areas south of Main St are cleared. The hill areas north of Main St are cleared (specifically around East View Lodge when occupied). The business section is cleared prior to or post of normal working hours. All these locations are cleared to bare pavement.

The residential streets are then cleared to a compacted snow surface of not more than 5cm after plowing. The airport runway is cleared to bare pavement (if the runway cannot be cleared within the first 24 hours the Town issues a NOTAM order to keep the airport closed until it is cleared).

The back lanes are cleared with a front end loader after all street works are complete. Alley windrows will not be removed when crossing private accesses.

During the whole clearing procedure, the emergency routes are kept open with a front end loader (this includes access for all the doctors to the hospital – they call if there’s a problem).

Most clearing operations are complete within the first 36 to 48 hours of commencement. Under extreme snowfalls it could take as long as a week to completely clear all the streets.

Snow gates are to be used when crossing private approaches during all street plow operations.

Call-Out Plow

This is a call out for specific streets after enough snowfall accumulates to warrant snow clearing for safety concerns (hill sections such as Hamilton, Davidson, Brown, Mill, Adelaide, Lilly, Ada etc, or blown-in streets such as Parkview Dr , Phoenix Dr, Westcreek etc, Airport runway and around the runway lights). Snow gates are to be used when crossing private approaches.

Haul Locations

After enough snow has accumulated to warrant its removal (as determined by the OMD) the contractor will be directed to clear and haul the snow from the locations highlighted on the attached map. Depending on the amount of drift, traffic, etc not all the locations highlighted would necessarily be hauled (as determined by the OMD). Haul locations are the business sections, school bus routes and insufficient storage locations. Accumulated snow on Mountain Av is hauled on an as required basis, usually in conjunction with the other haul locations but may be more frequent.

Widening

In the event that roadways become too narrow due to the build-up of windrows and the roadway becomes a traffic concern the road will be widened. The work shall be carried out by a front-end loader. Accumulated snow in gutters fronting private approaches shall be cleared in conjunction with the widening operation. Snow will not be hauled from these locations but will be stored on the boulevards.

Other

Hydrant access shall be maintained by clearing a path from the roadway to and around each hydrant.

High piles at intersections shall be removed so as to provide a cleared line of sight for motorists. However, businesses, apartments and industries are responsible for removing high piles caused by their private snow clearing operations.

Snow shall be loaded and hauled away only where lack of adequate storage prohibits the reasonable movement of vehicular and/or pedestrian traffic under normal winter conditions.

