



Policy No.
Snow and Ice Clearing and Maintenance Policy

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to define an acceptable level of service and written procedures and priorities for snow removal and ice control for municipal parking lots, roads and sidewalks in the Municipality of Barrington. It is recognized that the level of service may be affected by factors including – but not limited to – equipment breakdowns, extreme weather conditions and unforeseen circumstances.

Scope

Properties covered by this policy shall include the following:

- All Municipal Parking Lots.
- Sidewalks in the Barrington Passage area consisting of 2.2 kms
- Sidewalk in the Woods Harbour area consisting of 1.6 kms
- Municipal portion of the Goose Lake Road, Clyde River (first km of road)
- Cat Rock Drive, Clam Point
- Stirl's Road, Barrington Passage
- Spruce Drive, North East Point (Municipal responsibility beyond 1st km.)

Snow clearing and maintenance are **not** carried out on trails and parks owned and operated by the Municipality.

Responsibilities

It is the responsibility of the Property Services Department to provide snow removal and ice control for municipal roads, sidewalks and public parking lots within the Municipality of Barrington. For storms which last unusually long or result in an unusual accumulation of snow, local contractors may be called in to supplement Property Services operations.

The Municipality shall not take any responsibility for removing snow from private driveways nor any entrance to driveways, including snow deposited there as a result of snow removal operations. The Municipality is not responsible for any private structure or property damage

caused because such is located so close to the sidewalk or the Municipality's right-of-way that it interferes with the clearing process.

General Service Standards

The Municipality will ensure that snow removal and ice control services are provided at a reasonable level of service for a reasonable and affordable cost.

The Director of Property Services is responsible for monitoring the condition of municipal roads, sidewalks and public parking lots to determine whether snow removal operations are required. Accumulated amounts of two inches or less snow will not be plowed or removed except under special circumstances.

Plowing, salting/sanding, etc. will not normally take place between 4:30 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.

Minimum salt/sand amounts will generally be applied only after the snow has been removed. Only selected areas which create undue hazard or difficulty where slippery conditions exist will be salted/sanded. Unusually slippery conditions or circumstances such as freezing precipitation or a melt/freeze environment may require a broader application of salt or sand at the discretion of the Director of Property Services.

Municipal Roads

Priority shall be given to clearing snow and ice from municipal roads and salting as required. Work shall be carried out within twelve (12) hours of the snowfall ending.

Municipal Parking Lots

Municipal Parking lots and building entrances shall be cleared of snow and ice within twelve (12) hours of the snowfall ending. Salting shall be carried out as required to ensure public safety.

Sidewalks

Reasonable efforts will be made to maintain sidewalks for comfortable and safe walking. Plowing of sidewalks shall generally be started only after snowfall has ended. Sidewalks shall not be plowed if blustering or drifting conditions exist. Sidewalks will be salted/sanded after plowing as required due to slippery conditions. It shall be the policy of the Municipality to ensure sidewalks are cleared of snow and ice within twenty-four (24) hours of the snowfall ending.