

THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF MONTROSE

POLICY TITLE: SNOW REMOVAL POLICY

POLICY # 5410

POLICY STATEMENT:

It is the policy of Council to recognize snow plowing as a municipal priority service.

POLICY BACKGROUND:

Snowplowing routes and schedules were established over the course of time at the discretion of the Public Works Foreman. Although the service provided by the Public Works Department under the Foreman's direction serves the community well, Council determined that, in the interest of public accountability, it is the responsibility of Council to define desired standards for the municipality's snow plowing operations.

POLICY GOAL:

It is the goal of this policy to ensure that all developed properties in the Village remain accessible during the winter season.

POLICY OBJECTIVES:

1. To endeavor to plow streets and avenues as a first priority during regular working hours when snow fall accumulation reaches 5 cm or more.
2. To endeavor to plow streets, avenues and identified alleys (refer Schedule 'A') as an emergency response service outside of regular working hours upon a snow fall accumulation of 10 cm and with consideration of field conditions and weather forecast.
3. To endeavor to plow alleys as a second priority during regular working hours only after all first priority plowing is complete and to clear paved walkways only when time permits.
4. To endeavor to sand all streets and avenues under conditions of ice or compact snow.
5. To keep stairs and unpaved walkways closed to public access during the snow season.
6. To post signs on all stairs and unpaved walkways indicating that they are not maintained during the snow season.
7. To keep all road boulevards and lanes clear of obstructions. Property owners are to provide off-street parking. Parked vehicles that continually impede snow clearance will be towed away at the owner's expense.
8. To prohibit property owners to remove snow from private property onto any boulevard or lane. Property owners that continually remove snow in this fashion will be invoiced by the Village for the time spent on activities related to clear this obstruction.

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