TOWN OF DRUMHELLER
COUNCIL POLICY C-01-21
SNOW REMOVAL AND ICE CONTROL STRATEGY

PURPOSE:

When ever possible move and remove snow to reduce the potential for accidents and provide safe driving and pedestrian conditions. Priority will be given to emergency response routes and heavily traveled areas.

POLICY STATEMENT:

The Town of Drumheller will ensure that snow is removed from roadways according to the attached map and schedule insofar as the Town's financial resources, equipment and staff availability will allow.

DEFINITIONS:

a)   "Chief Administrative Officer" means the *Chief Administrative Officer of the Town of Drumheller and may be referred to as the Town Manager;*

b)   ""Council" means the *Municipal Council of the Town of Drumheller;*

c)   "Stage 1" means *snow will be removed upon driving surface having a packed accumulation of 5cm;*

d)   "Stage 2" means *snow will be removed upon driving surface having a packed accumulation of 15cm;*

e)   "Town Property" means *those legal lots owned, rented or leased by the Town of Drumheller or one of its business units*;

STANDARDS:
a)   The Town will only carry out ice and snow removal on;
- Town roads;
- Town property;
- Sidewalks adjacent to Town property, and;
- Those locations that the Town is responsible for due to maintenance agreements.

b)   Prioritization:
- o Areas will be allocated to individual stages based on the following criteria:
  - ▪ Emergency vehicle access, as determined by the Director of Emergency & Protective Services and the Fire Chief
  - ▪ Downtown business core;

- Type of road;
  - Arterial roads – Intercommunity connection;
  - Collector roads – Access to a community;
- School bus routes;
  o Work Efficiency;
    - Ensure efficient use of resources;
  o Parking lots;

c) Accumulation Greater Than 2.5cm:
  - Roads in this category are the main roads of the Drumheller Downtown business core. Keeping these roads clear of snow accumulation will encourage public to visit the downtown core.
  - Due to limitations of equipment, these roads shall be cleared when there is an unpacked accumulation of at least 2.5cm of snow.
  - These roads shall be the first roads cleared following a large snow event.
  - Clearance of these roads will take priority over other Infrastructure work except for emergency utility work (such as water main and sewer main breaks).

d) Stage 1:
  - Roads in "Stage 1" are the arterial and collector roads that represent the primary access routes into communities and significant traffic routing roads within the community.
  - Roads in "Stage 1" shall be cleared when there is a packed accumulation of 5cm of snow.
  - Clearance of "Stage 1" roads will only commence once the "Accumulation Greater Than 2.5cm" roads are complete.
  - Clearance of these roads will take priority over other Infrastructure work except for emergency utility work (such as water main and sewer main breaks).

e) Stage 2:
  - Roads in "Stage 2" are the arterial and collector roads that represent the secondary access routes into communities and major traffic routing roads within the community.
  - Clearance of "Stage 2'" roads will only commence after the completion of the preceding categories.
  - Clearance of these roads will take not take priority over previously scheduled Infrastructure work

f) Post Stage 2:
  - No roads are allocated in the "Post Stage 2" category, however the Operations Manager, or delegate, can determine that additional snow and ice removal will be conducted on the following criteria:
    - Identified safety concerns;
    - Public input;

- Current and forecast weather conditions;
- Current work load for Infrastructure Services;
- Budget;
- Post Stage 2 snow and ice removal will only be carried out when equipment and resources are available, other activities such as utility work, will take priority.

DISCLAIMER:

1. Nothing in this policy is intended to over rule or modify current Town of Drumheller Bylaws.

REFERENCES:

1. Bylaw 02.07 – Protection of and Preservation of Sidewalks

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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

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MAYOR