
POLICY NO: 614

RESOLUTION NO: 20-561

CATEGORY: SNOW REMOVAL AND DISPOSAL

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The purpose of this policy is to establish winter snow and ice control standards for roadways under the direction, management and control of the Town of Falher. The intent of the Town's snow and ice control program is to reduce snow and ice hazards to provide reasonable road safety and mobility under normal winter weather conditions on roadways within the Town. The Town will endeavor to ensure that roadways are reasonably maintained for winter driving in such a manner as to prevent or reduce accident and injury, minimize economic loss to the community, extend the life of transportation infrastructure and protect the environment; subject always to approved budget allocations, available equipment and staffing resources.

Snow and ice control operations will be managed in accordance with this Council approved policy, relevant Town Bylaws and the *Municipal Government Act*. The standards contained within this Policy contemplate vehicles that are properly equipped for winter driving and operated in a manner consistent with good winter driving habits.

Snow and ice control in the Town of Falher is provided by Public Works and supplemented with contracted private sector equipment and forces if necessary. Regular day shift hours are 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday. This shift concentrates on all routes. During snow or ice emergencies and major storms, snow and ice control services may be extended past regular hours.

Other factors which will influence how, when and where the Town provides snow and ice control services include: the duration of the storm; the amount of accumulated snow; wind speed and direction; temperatures before, during and after a storm; and the weather forecast. The order of priority may be altered, for reasons of safety, at the discretion of the Director of Public Works, or his delegate.

Public Snow Removal

1. First Priority is:
 - a) Main Street from Hwy 49 to 3rd Avenue; 3rd Avenue East to 2nd Street East; 2nd street East from 3rd Avenue to Central Avenue; 1st Avenue South from 1st Street East to 4th Street East.
 - b) 2nd Avenue SE from 2nd Street to 3rd Street SE (École Héritage Bus Lane)
Railway Avenue SE from Mainstreet to 4th Street SE
 - c) 9th Avenue SW
 2. Private, Commercial and Industrial Parking Lots and Driveways will not be cleared by Town equipment or labour.
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Private Snow Removal

1. With prior approval, obtained from the Director of Public Works, excess snow removed from private, commercial and industrial properties may be hauled to a designated site for disposal.
2. Snow from driveways and parking lots may be pushed on the boulevard immediately abutting the property owner's or home occupant's residence.
3. Snow stored on private property or boulevards immediately abutting private properties shall not contravene the Traffic Bylaw by obstructing traffic; or the Nuisance Bylaw by draining onto adjoining property.
4. Use of equipment to clear private property shall not cause damage to public or adjoining properties.
5. Snow cleared from private property shall not be deposited on to transportation routes or public thoroughfares, with the exception of businesses on Main Street from Railway Avenue South to 3rd Avenue South. These businesses may deposit the snow from their sidewalks only, onto the street fronting their property.
6. Snow cleared from private property shall not be deposited on other private property.