



TOWN OF HINTON

Priorities for Street Snow Clearing and Sanding Policy

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POLICY STATEMENT

1. GOALS

2. DEFINITIONS

3. METHODS AND PROCEDURES

A. STREET SANDING

The following priority will follow street sanding.

- ◆ Switzer Drive (Hill Access to Valley Access)
- ◆ Dr. Reid Way (Hospital Entrance)
- ◆ Robb Road including Mountain Street Intersection
- ◆ Jug Handle

Sanding Trucks will then split to Hill and Valley

HILL

- ◆ Mountain Street (Robb Road to Hwy #16 including Gerard Redmond School)
- ◆ Collinge Road Area (Roche Miette School)
- ◆ Eaton Road & Government Road
- ◆ Kelley Road and West River Road
- ◆ MacLeod Avenue (Mountain View School)
- ◆ Service Roads along Hwy #16

- ◆ Jarvis Street & Forest Heights
- ◆ Remaining Hill Area & Hill Shopping Centre
- ◆ Remaining Intersections abutting Switzer Drive

VALLEY

- ◆ Hardisty Avenue (Crescent Valley School)
- ◆ Tamarack Avenue & Tamarack Drive
- ◆ Sunwapta Drive (Harry Collinge High School)
- ◆ Maurer Drive & Boutin Avenue
- ◆ Thompson Lake
- ◆ Valley Area
- ◆ Streets abutting Hardisty & Switzer
- ◆ Valley Shopping Centre

Switzer will normally be sanded in its entirety. Normally, level streets will be sanded at the intersections, curves, and cross walks. Hills will be sanded as required. Due to the traffic volume and steepness of grade on Robb Road and Mountain Street (Highway #16 - Collinge Road), these two streets may be given higher priority. Generally, no sanding will occur between 11:00 P.M. -5:00 A.M. However, if the roads or streets are becoming impassable, the sanding equipment may be called out at anytime.

B. SNOW PLOWING

Snow plowing means moving the snow to the side of the road onto the boulevard or ditch, or it means to grade the layer of snow level to minimise the depth of ruts and loose snow. In some cases, snow plowing becomes snow removal because the ditches allow for deposit of snow.

Snow Plowing will be carried out after snow accumulation of approximately five (5) centimetres. During a snowfall, Switzer Drive from Hill Access to Valley Access, Dr. Reid Way, Jug Handle, Robb Road and Mountain Street (Highway #16 – Robb Road) will be plowed to ensure safe driving with a minimum of inconvenience to the motorist. All other areas will generally be left until the snowfall has subsided.

- ◆ Approaches on Switzer Drive, MacLeod Avenue to Hardisty Avenue (Recreation Centre, Swanson Drive, etc). Intersections will be cleared back as far as possible and practical to improve visibility. Areas to be snow plowed are as follows:

The Public Works crew will divide into groups and proceed to the Hill and Valley Districts.

Hill Area

- ◆ Collinge Road & Wanyandi Avenue
- ◆ Eaton Road & Government Road
- ◆ Kelley Road and West River Road

- ◆ MacLeod Avenue – Switzer Drive to Rowan Street
- ◆ Residential Streets fronting schools
- ◆ Service Roads along Highway #16
- ◆ Parks West Mall Access & Woodley Drive
- ◆ Jarvis Street
- ◆ Access to Water & Sewer Facilities
- ◆ Hill Shopping Centre as required (approximately 10 centimetres)
- ◆ Residential Streets as required

Valley Area

- ◆ Hardisty Avenue – Switzer Drive to Switzer Drive
- ◆ Tamarack Avenue & Tamarack Drive
- ◆ Maurer Drive and Boutin Avenue
- ◆ East River Road to Corporate Limits
- ◆ Residential streets fronting schools
- ◆ Thompson Lake (Brookhart, Makenny, Brown, Smith Streets; McArdell Drive and Tocher Avenue)
- ◆ Remaining Intersections abutting Switzer Drive
- ◆ Recreation Centre Parking Lot
- ◆ Hampshire Road
- ◆ Swanson Drive
- ◆ Access to Water & Sewer Facilities
- ◆ Valley Shopping Centre as required (approximately 10 centimetres)
- ◆ Residential Streets as required

Handicap parking stalls on Town of Hinton property will be cleared as required. Snow plowing and snow removal in the shopping centres is done simultaneously and due to the timing of the snowfall the shopping centres may not follow this particular order. Shopping Centres will be plowed in the early morning hours generally within 48 hours after the snow has subsided. Snow plowing during a snowfall will only be done if it is determined that it is safer to do so rather than waiting until the snow subsides.

Generally, no snow plowing will occur between 11:00 P.M. -5:00 A.M. However, if the roads or streets are becoming impassable, the snow plowing equipment may be called out at anytime.

Snow plowing of the residential streets will commence after 15 centimetres packed snow and will continue throughout the snow season as required. Back alleys will be plowed as required.

Residential streets will be plowed to one side (opposite side of fire hydrants) with the sidewalk left open for pedestrian traffic. Driveways will be cleared with a loader or grader. From past experience plowing snow on one side of the street is better for the following reasons:

- ◆ Provides more room for vehicle traffic.
- ◆ Provides one good side for parking rather than difficulty on both sides.

- ◆ Less Driveways to clean providing less piles of snow on the street.

Snow plowing will be undertaken by Town owned equipment whenever practical however in cases of heavy snowfall additional graders, trucks, and loaders may be hired to speed up the operation.

C. SNOW REMOVAL

The following areas will receive priority for snow removal.

- ◆ Valley and/or Hill Shopping Centres (between 4:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.)
- ◆ Intersections where snow has accumulated
- ◆ MacLeod Avenue
- ◆ Hardisty Avenue
- ◆ Tamarack Avenue
- ◆ School Bus turnarounds

Snow removal will be undertaken only when the above streets become dangerous to drive on or a definite inconvenience is encountered by the motorist, or in the case of the shopping centres, to the businesses. Normally no snow will be removed from residential streets. However, for safety reasons some excess snow may have to be removed from time to time.

STREETS WITH STEEP GRADE

- ◆ Sutherland Avenue, Rispler Way, Vinson Harbour, Nowrie Street, & Benbow Place
- ◆ Tamarack Drive, Cheviot Drive (both ends)
- ◆ Jarvis Street, Seabolt Crescent, & Talbot Drive
- ◆ Ceal Square
- ◆ Timber Street (Villa Sundale Apartments)
- ◆ Mountain Street
- ◆ Huisman Crescent

4. RESPONSIBILITIES

5. GUIDING PRINCIPLES TO STAFF