



VILLAGE OF LIPTON Snow Removal and Ice Control Policy

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NOTE: Minimal snow clearing/winter maintenance will be conducted during a Winter Storm Event. If visibility is very limited operations will cease until conditions improve. No snow clearing will take place in weather conditions colder than -40°C . Every hazard can not be eliminated; therefore, vehicles must be properly equipped for winter driving and drivers must use good winter driving practices, and pedestrians must ensure they are prepared with proper winter footwear.

1. Scope

To establish a policy for governing the management of snow removal and ice control in the Village of Lipton.

2. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to establish a framework indicating the level responsiveness of service for snow removal and ice control.

3. Definitions

“Freezing Rain Event” means incidences of rain causing ice accumulation on street and sidewalk surfaces.

“Primary” means priority streets allowing access to businesses and school zones for bussing.

“Secondary” means all other streets.

“Street Sanding” means the application of granular material and or salt to improve traction at, and along approaches to street intersections.

“Winter Storm Event” means adverse conditions where wind, or a combination of wind and precipitation, results in snow accumulation on street and sidewalk surfaces usually accompanied by reduced visibility, cold temperatures, and wind chill.

4. Authority

Public Works shall be responsible for determining the level of response and initiating snow removal and ice control activities as contained in this policy.

5. Street Plowing

a) Snow Removal efforts will begin when:

- i. Heavy snowfall has ceased;
- ii. Accumulation of snow has reached 5cm (2in);
- iii. There is excessive drifting.
- iv. Temperatures are above -40°C



- b) Plowing will be done in accordance with the Street Route Priority Map identified in Schedule "A". The order that the secondary streets are cleared in is dependant on the nature of the Winter Storm Event.
- c) Snow will be removed from alleyways in conjunction with the streets.
- d) In all cases plowing and snow removal will ensure access to all fire hydrants.
- e) Residents are not permitted to park on the street during snow removal operations. The Village is not responsible for any damage that may occur during snow removal if a vehicle remains parked on the street.
- f) Reasonable efforts will be made to avoid blocking driveways; ridges left at a driveway will be the responsibility of the property owner.
- g) Care will be taken when plowing not to cause damage to lawns, ornaments, fences, etc. If damage occurs, the Village will assess the damage and take the appropriate action.
- h) Snow will be graded from the sides of the streets to the centre where snow will then be removed and hauled away once all streets have been graded.

6. Sidewalk Clearing

- a) Residents are required to clear the snow and ice off sidewalks in front of their homes within 24 hours of a snow fall.
- b) Public Works is responsible for clearing the sidewalks in the following locations:
 - i. Main Street 100 Block and other business areas
 - ii. Main Street Park
 - iii. Community Hall
 - iv. Village Office and Fire Hall
 - v. Water Treatment Plant/Truck Fill
 - vi. Skating Rink
 - vii. Curling Rink

7. Parking Lot Clearing

The Village is responsible for clearing snow and ice from the following parking lots:

- i. Curling Rink;
- ii. Skating Rink.

8. Cemetery Clearing

Snow will be removed from the cemetery in the event of a funeral service, burial or interment or holiday.

9. STARS Landing Area

Snow will be cleared from the STARS Landing Area located by the school as needed.

10. Snow Storage

Predetermined snow storage sites will be utilized in locations that will not cause safety or drainage issues.

11. Street Sanding

- a) Street sanding occurs regularly throughout winter and streets are monitored by staff daily.



- b) Streets will be sanded after graders or other equipment have sufficiently cleared them of snow or after a freezing rain event.
- c) Emphasis will be placed on intersections, corners, school zones, high traffic areas and other areas where conditions may be especially hazardous.
- d) A mixture of sand and salt is used during sanding operations with a relative proportion of each dependent of the outside temperature.

12. Residential and Commercial Property

- a) Clearing of snow and ice from residential and commercial driveways, entrances, and sidewalks adjacent to the property, shall be the responsibility of the property owner. The property shall be clear of snow and ice to the degree that the mobility of pedestrians and vehicles is not compromised. Snow may only be pushed onto the street if Village snow removal has not already been done in that area
- b) The Village shall not remove snow from private property except in circumstances where public health or safety requires immediate action and the Village can provide the fastest response time. In these rare circumstances the village is not responsible for damage to structures or landscaping as a result of snow clearing. At Council’s discretion, charges for provision of snow clearing may apply; these charges would be for the use of Village equipment as well as the equipment operator’s wages.

13. Other Provisions

- a) Between winter storm events, routes will be maintained in accordance with the priority levels outlined below. As stated in Section 5(b), if more snow is received before Village staff can plow all routes, they will return to Priority 1 and plow by priority before finishing lower priority streets. Should continuous snowfall create an immediate demand for snow removal a Council approved contractor shall be contacted to assist with clearing.
- b) The Village will endeavor to communicate with residents regarding Snow Removal operations through this policy, through the website, and through social media.



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 Mayor

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 Administrator

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