

## VILLAGE OF WABAMUN POLICY MANUAL

### POLICY TITLE: SNOW REMOVAL POLICY

SECTION: PUBLIC WORKS

POLICY NO: PW1:1

DECEMBER 15, 2015

RESOLUTION NO: 15-441

#### PURPOSE:

In order that public roadways within the corporate limits of the Village of Wabamun are maintained in a condition that:

- ❖ allows prompt response to emergencies by Fire, Police and Ambulance services AND
- ❖ allows prompt access to essential utility services AND
- ❖ minimizes accidents, injury or damage to persons, vehicles and property AND
- ❖ permits reasonable vehicular access to primary highways, businesses, industry, schools, residences, recreational facilities, public services and cemetery.

#### POLICY STATEMENT:

- A. The Village of Wabamun will undertake roadway sanding, snow plowing and snow removal in order of priority. There may be snowfall events which exceed the capacity of available manpower and equipment to carry out the work listed under each priority within the time allowed before another snowfall; the order of priority will not change in such a case.
- B. Fire Hydrants will be cleared as required to allow proper access in case of fire

#### DEFINITIONS:

- ❖ **As Required** - A statement which means that the level of service is not set at a predetermined number of activity occurrences per season or year
- ❖ **Boulevard** - Area between a roadway curb and property line
- ❖ **Drifting** - Depositing of windblown snow on roadways or lanes which makes the passage of vehicles difficult or impossible
- ❖ **Rutting** - The formation of troughs and ridges in excess of 10cm depth in compacted snow or ice
- ❖ **Sanding** - The application of a sand/chips/salt/calcium or other mixture to a roadway surface to improve traction, reduce skidding or reduce ice formation
- ❖ **Snow plowing and windrowing** - The grading of accumulated snow from roadway surfaces to the middle or sides of a roadway or lane
- ❖ **Snow removal** - The loading and truck hauling of snow from roadway surfaces to a designated snow disposal site

#### PRIORITY 1

- A. Mandatory snow plowing and windrowing on the following roads following the accumulation of 10 cms of snow as follows:
  1. Fire Hall / ambulance zone including parking lot and 53<sup>rd</sup> Avenue from 50<sup>th</sup> to 52<sup>nd</sup> Street
- B. Mandatory snow plowing and windrowing following the accumulation of 10 cms of snow, plowing and windrowing will be completed prior to 9:00 am:
  1. 51<sup>st</sup> Avenue from 51<sup>st</sup> Street to 52<sup>nd</sup> Street
  2. 52<sup>nd</sup> Street from 53<sup>rd</sup> Avenue to 51<sup>st</sup> Avenue
- C. Mandatory clearing of sidewalks adjacent to village owned properties\* – see map attached  
\*Except sidewalks in Osprey Estates until such time as development in that area proceeds

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**PRIORITY 2**

- A. Mandatory snow plowing and windrowing-on roadways following the accumulation of 10 cms of snow as follows:
  - 1. From the Highway 16 access heading south down 50<sup>th</sup> Street to 30m south of the CN tracks
  - 2. 51<sup>st</sup> Avenue from 50<sup>th</sup> Street to Point Alison
  - 3. School Zone - 55<sup>th</sup> Avenue between 50<sup>th</sup> and 49<sup>th</sup> Streets and 49<sup>th</sup> Street between 54<sup>th</sup> and 55<sup>th</sup> Avenues, 54<sup>th</sup> Avenue between 50<sup>th</sup> and 49<sup>th</sup> Streets
  - 4. Village owned parking lots, excluding waterfront park
- B. Removal of windrows on priority 1 and 2 roads

**PRIORITY 3**

- A. Mandatory Snow plowing and windrowing on arterial roadways following the accumulation of a snowfall of 10 cm or greater:
  - 1. 52<sup>nd</sup> Street from 53<sup>rd</sup> to 56<sup>th</sup> Avenue
  - 2. 56<sup>th</sup> Avenue from 52<sup>nd</sup> to 50<sup>th</sup> Street
  - 3. 53<sup>rd</sup> Street from 51<sup>st</sup> to 52<sup>nd</sup> Avenue
  - 4. 52<sup>nd</sup> Avenue from 53<sup>rd</sup> St. to 46<sup>th</sup> St.
  - 5. 46<sup>th</sup> St. north to 54<sup>th</sup> Ave.
  - 6. 54<sup>th</sup> Ave. from 46<sup>th</sup> St. to 49<sup>th</sup> St.
- B. Removal of windrows on priority 3 roads

**PRIORITY 4**

- A. Snow Clearing from hard surfaced village recreational walking paths
- B. Snow plowing on areas noted below
  - 1. Alley east of 52<sup>nd</sup> Street from 51<sup>st</sup> to 53<sup>rd</sup> Avenue
  - 2. Alley west of 52<sup>nd</sup> Street from 51<sup>st</sup> to 52<sup>nd</sup> Avenue
  - 3. Waterfront park parking areas
- C. Snow plowing and windrowing on all remaining roads as time allows
- D. Removal of windrows on priority 4 roads
- E. Snow plowing and removal on local lanes as required when drifting occurs or when lanes become impassable due to accumulated snowfall.

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**PROCEDURES:**

- C. The Village of Wabamun will take full advantage of the snow storage capacity of roadway right-of-ways in order to minimize the expenditures associated with snow removal and hauling.
- D. For all existing roadways, and all roadways developed in the future, snow removal and placement of snow plowing windrows shall be carried out in accordance with the following criteria:
  - a. On 50<sup>th</sup> Street, north of 56<sup>th</sup> Avenue, snow windrows shall be plowed to and stored on the boulevards on both sides of the street.
  - b. In all other areas of the Village the snow will be plowed and removed to the snow storage areas designated by the Public Works Foreman.
- E. Where a snow windrow is placed across a private driveway entrance, a public driveway entrance or a lane entrance, the Village will endeavor to reopen the area as soon as possible.
- F. Public Works Foreman may authorize removal and hauling away of snow at any location if two lanes of traffic cannot be accommodated on arterial or collector roadways or one lane of traffic cannot be accommodated on other roadways including the laneways.
- G. With the authorization of the CAO, the public works lead hand may be given the discretion to make minor adjustments to the above schedule, based on unique circumstances such as timing, rutting and drifting
- H. Sanding will be done as often and where required, based on the judgement of the public works lead hand or by direction of the CAO
- I. The priority areas and paths and sidewalks relevant to this policy are marked on the map attached and forming part of this policy

With passage of this policy, policy PW1:1 of January 7, 2014 is hereby repealed

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Chief Administrative Officer

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Chief Elected Official