

**VILLAGE OF WABAMUN
POLICY MANUAL**

POLICY TITLE: SNOW REMOVAL POLICY

SECTION: PUBLIC WORKS

POLICY NO: PW1:1

AMENDED: JANUARY 7, 2014

RESOLUTION NO: 14-008

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:

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.

DEFINITIONS:

- ❖ **Arterial, Collector, and Local Roadways** – transportation paths
- ❖ **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** - 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

PRIORITIES:

PRIORITY 1

Mandatory snow plowing and removal following the accumulation of 10 cms of snow within 24 hours and plowing prior to 8:00 am:

- a. 51st Avenue from 51st Street to 52nd Street
- b. 52nd Street from 52nd Avenue to 51st Avenue

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PRIORITY 2

Mandatory snow plowing and removal on roadways following the accumulation of 10 cms of snow within 24 hours as follows:

- a. Fire Hall Zone including parking lot and 53rd Avenue from 50th to 52nd Street
- b. From the Highway access heading south down 50th Street to the northern side of the CN tracks
- c. School Zone from 55th Avenue between 50th and 49th Streets and 49th Street between 54th and 55th Avenues, 54th Avenue between 50th and 49th Streets and local bus routes
- d. Municipal Zones including village owned parking lots
- e. 51st Avenue from 50th Street to Point Alison
- f. 52nd Street from 51st to 54th Avenues
- g. Fire Hydrants

PRIORITY 3

Snow plowing and removal on arterial roadways within 24 hours following the accumulation of a snowfall of 10 cm or greater:

- a. 52nd Street from 54th to 56th Avenue
- b. 56th Avenue from 52nd to 50th Street
- c. 52nd Avenue from 46th to 53rd Street
- d. 53rd Street from 51st to 52nd Avenue
- e. Alley east of 52nd Street from 51st to 53rd Avenue
- f. Alley west of 52nd Street from 51st to 52nd Avenue
- g. 50th Street south from CN tracks to lake

PRIORITY 4

Snow plowing and removal on local roadways and lanes as required when rutting or drifting occurs or when roadways and lanes become impassable due to accumulated snowfall.

SANDING:

Sanding of roadways, arterial and collector roadway intersection and roadways adjacent to school grounds will be done as required.

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PROCEDURES:

1. 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.
2. 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 50th Street, north of 56th 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.
3. 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.
4. When laneways become impassable or rutted or drifted in, the snow will be flattened and pushed by sending a grader down each lane so affected.
5. 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.