



TOWN OF PINCHER CREEK POLICY



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Title: Winter Street Maintenance

Policy Statement

The Town of Pincher Creek will provide priorities for the control of ice and snow conditions on streets and sidewalks based on the limited resources available.

1. Definitions:

- 1.1 **Emergency Routes** means access from the nearest arterial to facilities housing the Fire Department, Police Department, Ambulance Services and Hospital (to parking lot entrance)
- 1.2 **Snow Fencing** means fences that are erected on private or public property to control snow drifting
- 1.3 **Snowfall** means the average depth of the accumulation of loose snow on a street, or above previously compacted snow on a street.

2. Responsibilities:

2.1 **CAO or delegate**

- 2.1.1 To determine, under direction of the Council;
 - 2.1.2.1 The resources to be applied to fulfill the requirements of this policy.
 - 2.1.2.2 The level of response to complaints received from the public or the RCMP regarding snow and ice conditions.

2.2 **Director of Operational Services**

- 2.2.1 Changes in set priorities due to unusual weather conditions or special needs

3. Sanding:

- 3.1 The use of sand mix is dependent on temperature and weather conditions. The Town of Pincher Creek utilizes the natural product, Potash, in order to reduce the impact of

chemicals on the environment and in order to minimize the corrosion of vehicles and engineering structures.

- 3.2 Sand mix will be applied for snowfalls of less than 10 cm.
- 3.3 Where road conditions are considered severe, multiple applications of sand mix may be made to minimize the formation of ice and reduce the possibility of accidents.
- 3.4 Application of sand mix shall be undertaken subject to the following priorities;
 - 1st All hills and emergency vehicle routes
 - 1.1 Transit Bus Route
 - 2nd Main Street
 - 3rd School Zones during regulated hours
 - 4th Stop and Yield Signs in Commercial areas
 - 5th Stop and Yield Signs in Residential areas
 - 6th Other areas as determined by the Director of Operational Services/ Town Superintendent

(see Schedule 'A')

- 3.5 Stockpiles of sand may be treated with sufficient amount of Potash to prevent the material from freezing together.

4. **Snow Removal**

- 4.1 Snow on sidewalks shall be removed within 48 hours of snowfall as follows;

- 1st Sidewalks adjacent to Town owned buildings
- 2nd Sidewalks adjacent to parks.
- 3rd Sidewalks adjacent to properties owned by the Town

5. **Snow Fencing**

- 5.1 Snow fences shall be erected where possible in areas of known drifting, trouble areas indicated by complaints, and observations of severe problems, subject to limitations of materials in hand and annual budgets.
- 5.2 Snow fence locations will be reviewed annually before September 30 of each year for necessity and changes.

6. **Snowfall Plowing**

- 6.1 Plowing is initiated after an average depth of snowfall of 25cm or more, or where the snowfall significantly impedes traffic flow.
- 6.2 Initial plowing shall consist of a single pass in each driving lane of the street, placing snow adjacent to the curb. Whenever possible we will place the snow on the opposite side of the street from the residences. The Town will not be responsible for plugged driveways. Initial plowing will not include clearing around parked vehicles.
- 6.3 Where snow drifting initiates plowing, only street areas affected by drifting snow shall be plowed.

6.4 Plowing shall be undertaken subject to the following priorities;

- 1st All hills and emergency vehicle routes;
- 1.1 Transit Bus Route
- 2nd Portion of Main Street
- 3rd School zones during regulated hours
- 4th Stop and Yield signs in Commercial areas
- 5th Stop and Yield signs in Residential areas
- 6th Other areas as determined by the Director of Operational Services/Town Superintendent

(see Schedule 'A')

6.5 Plowing of lanes may be increased in priority if garbage pickup is significantly delayed.

7. **Snow Removal**

7.1 Snow removal shall be undertaken when the street accumulation of snow, or when street storage of snow, significantly impedes traffic flow or traffic visibility.

7.2 Snow being cleared from private property may not be placed on boulevards or streets.

7.3 Where snow removed from streets is placed on grassed areas, measures shall be implemented to minimize damage.

7.4 Priority areas for snow removal shall be;

- 1st Downtown Core – Waterton Avenue west to Rimmington Avenue
- 2nd East Avenue – Main Street south to Kettles Street
- 3rd School Zone Crosswalks
- 4th Kettles Street – East Avenue east to Police Avenue
- 5th Police Avenue - Main Street south to Kettles Street
- 6th St. John Avenue – Main Street south to Kettles Street
- 7th Livingston Way
- 8th Elementary School Zone Bus Loading Areas

8. **End of Policy**

YELLOW - 1st priority - hills & Emergency routes
 GREEN - 1.1 priority - Transit bus route
 PURPLE - 2nd priority - Portion of Main Street
 RED - 3rd priority - School Zones
 BLUE TRIANGLES - 4th priority stop / yield signs commercial areas
 BLUE TRIANGLES - 5th priority stop / yield signs residential areas

