



COUNCIL POLICY

Subject: Snow and Ice Control

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1. Purpose

- 1.1. To define parameters under which snow and ice are cleared from Township of Langley roads.

2. Background

- 2.1. Policy as adopted 1975/03/17 provided for establishment of a priority system for clearing of snow from collector roads, fire halls, school bus routes, etc. By resolution on 1997/09/25 Township Council adopted a policy that addressed the issues more specifically.

3. Related Policy

- 3.1. N/A

4. Policy

- 4.1. Sanding/Salting and Snow Plowing operations are conducted according to the following priorities:

4.1.1 First Priority: Arterial roads, major collector roads, bus routes, hilly areas and school zones (regardless of road classification) are given first priority. Sanding and plowing are carried out around the clock as long as poor conditions exist.

4.1.2. Second Priority: Industrial and commercial roads and secondary through roads in residential areas. These residential roads are located between the arterial or major collector road grids. They are typically over 200 meters in length and connect local traffic with either an arterial or major collector road way. Work on second priority routes is performed on regular weekdays only; minimal overtime is permitted to extend the normal workday.

4.1.3. Third Priority: All remaining residential roads. A “condition based” level of service exists on all third priority routes. Conditions will be assessed by appointed Road Supervisors only after first and second priority roads have been completed. When snow accumulations exceed 250mm as measured by a Road Supervisor, in the centre of the travelled

portion of the road, one pass with a snow plough may be made to create more even travel surface. Compacted snow is the level of service provided and no de-icing material will be applied. Third priority work is performed during normal working hours only.

- 4.2. First and second priority routes are defined and established as those roads and streets shown on the “Township of Langley – Sanding, Salting and Plowing Map”, as amended from time to time.
- 4.3. First priority routes are maintained until the conditions are under control; only then are resources re-directed onto second priority routes.
- 4.4. Once conditions are under control on second priority routes resources may be re-directed to third priority routes.
- 4.5. As soon as conditions deteriorate on any of the higher priority routes, resources are moved back to those routes.
- 4.6. Sanding/salting operations commence as conditions dictate, i.e.: black ice, commencement of snow falls and other slippery conditions. Sanding/salting on third priority roads will only be done at intersections and only when conditions warrant.
- 4.7. Snow plowing occurs when the snow depth exceeds 10 centimeters (4 inches) and the storm is continuing.
- 4.8. Road surfaces are to be maintained in good winter condition, which does not mean “bare pavement,” through continued use of assigned personnel and equipment and subject to availability of resources.
- 4.9. Snow removal from sidewalks is the responsibility of the adjacent property owners. Snow clearing operations will impact driveways, the Township will not lift ploughs to avoid driveways, nor send crews afterwards to clear driveways.
- 4.10. Snow removal from roads is undertaken in commercial areas only and only under conditions where snow windrows interfere with parking, and only after all priority road clearing is complete.
- 4.11. Township equipment used for snow and ice removal of public roadways may be used for snow removal at municipal facilities when no longer required for the public roadway maintenance.