

TOWN OF PINCHER CREEK POLICY

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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 staff and equipment resources available.

1. <u>Definitions</u>:

- 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. <u>Responsibilities:</u>

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 Operations

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

3. <u>Sanding</u>:

- **3.1** The use and performance of sand mix is dependent on temperature and weather conditions. The Town of Pincher Creek utilizes the standard Alberta Transportation sand/salt mix, available locally.
- **3.2** Sand mix may 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 Major hills and emergency vehicle routes
 - 2nd Downtown Core parking stalls
 - 3rd School Zones (during regulated hours)
 - 4th Minor hills
 - 5th Stop and Yield Signs in Commercial areas
 - 6th Stop and Yield Signs in Residential areas
 - 7th Other areas as determined by the Director of Operations

(see Schedule 'A')

4. <u>Snow Removal</u>

- 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. <u>Snow Fencing</u>

- **5.1** Snow fences shall be erected, where possible, in areas of known drifting, trouble areas indicated by complaints, and observed problem areas, subject to property owner permission, limitations of materials in hand, and annual budget.
- **5.2** Snow fence locations shall be reviewed annually to identify potential improvements and changes.

6. <u>Snowfall Plowing</u>

- **6.1** Plowing shall be initiated following a 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, snow shall be placed on the opposite side of the street from the residences. The Town will endeavor to minimize blocked 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 Major hills and emergency vehicle routes
- 2nd Downtown Core parking stalls
- 3rd School zones (during regulated hours)
- 4th Minor hills
- 5th Stop and Yield signs in Commercial areas
- 6th Stop and Yield signs in Residential areas
- 7th Other areas as determined by the Director of Operations

(see Schedule 'A')

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

7. <u>Snow Removal</u>

- **7.1** Snow removal shall be undertaken when the street accumulation of snow, or when street storage of snow, significantly impedes traffic flow, traffic visibility or Downtown parking availability.
- 7.2 Where snow removed from streets is placed on grassed areas, measures shall be implemented to minimize damage.
- 7.3 Priority areas for snow removal;
 - 1st Downtown Core Waterton Avenue west to Rimmington Avenue
 - 2nd East Avenue Main Street south to Kettles Street
 - 3rd School Zones
 - 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

8. End of Policy

SCHEDULE "A"

