

# CITY OF TERRACE POLICY NO. 43



## TITLE: SNOW AND ICE CONTROL

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### PREAMBLE:

The City of Terrace has a variety of winter conditions with frequent temperature changes, humidity changes, and freeze/thaw cycles. The duration of a winter storm event may involve any combination of dry snow, wet snow, rain, freezing rain, high winds and snow drifting. In light of these conditions, this policy directs snow plowing and road sanding operations to reduce the inconvenience of winter conditions for the traveling public with the available equipment, personnel, and financial resources.

Despite the best efforts of the City and this policy, safe traffic conditions cannot be achieved without the cooperation of individual citizens. Drivers and pedestrians must be reasonably well equipped, alert, and aware of conditions which impair traffic safety, and act according to those conditions.

Due to the varying nature of Terrace weather, the success of snow clearing operations depends heavily on the talents and discretion of the supervising and operating personnel. The level of inconvenience and hazard created by a snowfall are most often a function of the type of snow (wet or dry) and the weather change during or after the snowfall rather than the amount of snow on the street. Therefore this policy is implemented to act as a general guide to snow clearing operations, and to establish priorities.

### POLICY:

#### 1. Service Level for Snow Plowing

- a. The need for snow plowing will be determined by the Road Foreman with due regard for the amount and type of snow, the resulting slippery conditions, the weather forecast, and the cost of operations. Normal Public Works Department operations are for one shift, Monday to Friday. If winter conditions predominate, a night shift may be instituted, Monday to Friday. During winter conditions, a slippery route patrol by a member of the Roads Department will be done between 5:00 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. on weekends.

2. **Plowing Route Priority**

Streets will be plowed according to the following priority:

- a. Hills – Kalum, Lanfear, Park, Birch
- b. Hospital and School Zones
- c. Downtown Core
- d. Arterial Streets
- e. Local Residential Streets
- f. Cul-de-sacs
- g. Alleys

Sidewalks will be plowed as men and equipment are available.

3. **Downtown Core**

- a. In order to maintain parking area and to clear the gutters for drainage, snow in the downtown core will be windrowed to the centre by graders, with a loader clearing intersections and accesses. The windrows will be hauled to snow dumps during the night shifts after the storm and emergency conditions have ended.

4. **Driveways**

- a. To ensure timely and cost efficient snow plowing on streets, windrows across driveways will not be removed by City crews.

5. **Sanding & Salting**

- a. Sanding and salting will be carried out when slippery conditions create a significant hazard. Normal sanding and salting of streets will be restricted to hills, intersections, and corners

**IMPLEMENTATION OF POLICY:**

This Policy shall become effective immediately.

DATE: *Sept 10/07*

CLERK: *A. Fisher*