

## **TOWN OF OXBOW SNOW REMOVAL POLICY**

### **A. Purpose**

A significant area of responsibility for the Town is the removal of ice and snow to ensure safe traffic and pedestrian flow during winter months. The Snow Removal Policy addresses priority clearing of roadways and sidewalks; sanding; and, snow removal.

### **B. Roads**

#### **1. Plowing**

During the winter months, beginning with the first snow fall and ending with the last, the staff of the Town of Oxbow will monitor forecasts and actual snow fall. Plowing will begin when accumulation has reached 5cm (2in) or when there has been excessive drifting. Plowing will be done in accordance with the priority roads/areas found under Section D Priority Areas below.

In all cases plowing and snow clearance will ensure access to all fire hydrants.

#### **2. Parking**

Residents will be encouraged not to park on the street overnight.

No parking signs reading “No Parking in this block between 5am and 8am between November 30 and March 31” will be posted in the Core Business District.

#### **3. Residential Areas**

As much as possible driveways and laneways will not be plowed in. Reasonable attempts are made to avoid blocking driveways with various plowing techniques, including the use of a grader gate which momentarily blocks snow being pushed to the side. However, this slows the plowing process which is to maintain roadways safe for driving. Time lost with extensive cleaning of driveway entrances or to move around vehicles parked on the street minimizes the effectiveness of the plowing. Blocked laneways or ridges at a laneway will be cleared by the Town. It is the responsibility of the resident to ensure that access to their driveway is cleared.

Care is taken when plowing not to cause damage to lawns, ornaments, fences etc. If damage occurs, the Town will assess the damage and take appropriate action. The Town is not responsible for sand/gravel that may be left after the snow melts.

#### **4. Sanding**

Roads will be sanded when they are sufficiently cleared. Sanding will be undertaken in accordance with the priority listing below. In all cases, emphasis will be placed on intersections, corners, school zones, playground zones and known problem areas.

#### **5. Temporary Snow Storage**

It is common to plow snow from the center of the road to each side. In this case, snow is plowed onto boulevards and into ditches where possible. Where sidewalks are adjacent

the curb (core commercial area) the snow is plowed into the center of the road. Intersections are kept open at all times.

Temporary snow storage around Oxbow Prairie Horizons School will be the east side of Tupper and the south side of Marion and done in such a manner as to not interfere with school buses.

Snow is removed when temporary storage 'mounds' exceed 100cm (40in) or when there is potential to cause safety or drainage problems.

6. **Snow Dump**

As much as possible snow will be disposed of at the Water Treatment Plant , or other predetermined areas.

Snow removal will be undertaken by town staff with contracted personnel used only with authorization of the Chief Administrative Officer.

**C. Sidewalks and Parking Lots**

1. Residents are required to clean the snow and ice off the sidewalks in front of their homes within 24 hours of a snow fall.
2. The Town will be responsible for clearing of snow from sidewalks along Main St. from Railway Ave. to Wylie Ave.; Prospect St. from Bow St. to Ewan St.; Peters St. from Bow St. to Ewan; Ewan St. from Prospect Ave. to Marion Ave.; and Marion Ave. from Tupper St. to Main St. and around the school along Tupper St. and Marion Ave.

Where the sidewalk abuts the road, all snow will be pushed into the centre of the road

The Town is responsible for cleaning the snow in the following parking lot areas: the lane and parking area for the Town office; parking for the Friendship Centre, library and Memorial Hall.

**D. Priority Roads/Areas**

**1. Priority 1: Core Business District, Fire Hall, Health Centre, School, Water Treatment Plant, Water Tower**

- Main St. from Railway Ave. to Wylie St.
- Bow St. from Railway Ave. to Peters Ave.
- Ewan St. from Railway Ave. to Marion Ave.
- Coldridge Rd. from Hwy 18 to Boscourvis St.
- Tupper St. from Marion St. to north side of Galloway Health Centre.
- Gregson St. from Boscourvis St. to Wylie Ave.
- Prospect Ave. from Bow St. to Ewan St.
- Peters Ave. from Bow St. to Ewan St.
- Marion St. from Main St. to Peters Ave. (triangle)
- Boscurvis St. from Coldridge Rd. to Tupper St.

- Prospect Ave. and South Service Rd. east of Coldridge Rd.
- Wylie Ave. from Gregson St. to Tupper St.
- Main St. from Railway Ave. to Water Treatment Plant.

## **2. Priority 2: Heavy Traffic**

- Coldridge Rd. from Hwy. 18 to Galloway Dr.
- Marconi Rd. from Town Limits on the north to Railway tracks on the south.
- Marion Ave. from Codridge to Odger St.
- Odger St. from Marion to Wylie Ave.
- Prospect Ave. west of Ewan St. and east of Bow St. to Coldridge Rd.
- Peters Ave. west of Ewan St and east of Bow St.
- Galloway Dr.
- Prospect Ave. Marconi St. to Railway Ave.

## **3. Priority 3: Residential**

- Wylie Ave. west of Tupper St.
- Taylor, Murray, Souris, Bow, Sproule, Stewart, McCall, Albert, Beharrel, Beryl and Walsh Streets.
- Horizon Ave.
- Spruce Dr., Joyce Dr., Oxbow Cres., Mona St.
- Tripp Rd., Moir Dr., Park Ave., Palestine St. and Stewart St. (south of Galloway Dr.)
- Tupper St. from Galloway Health Centre to Landfill
- River Rd.
- Alleyways