


Title:	Roadway Snow and Ice Control Policy	
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Policy Statement: The Council of the Summer Village of Sandy Beach will provide direction to standardize the priority and procedure for snow removal of Village roadways.		
Purpose: To establish standards, procedures and priorities to effectively and efficiently manage the process of snow and ice control on Village roadways. The Summer Village of Sandy Beach has adopted this Policy to ensure the ongoing safety of our employees and to provide safe roads within the Summer Village.		
Principles: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. To ensure the safety of residents.2. To ensure residents are aware of road snow and ice control priorities and procedures.		

1. Definitions

Accumulation - The total amount of snow which has fallen and remained undisturbed in place, measured from the roadway surface.

Boulevard - the part of a road allowance that:

- a) is not roadway, and
- b) is not especially adapted to the use of or ordinarily used by pedestrians.

Council - the Council of the Summer Village of Sandy Beach, in the Province of Alberta.

CAO - the person appointed as the Chief Administrative Officer of the Summer Village of Sandy Beach.

Discretionary - Due to a variety of variables (weather conditions, operational limitations and seasonal trending), some snow and ice control activities are initiated by administration outside the realm of this policy. Administration has the flexibility to respond to upcoming weather projections, balance resources, and deploy measures to prevent situations that could restrict access for emergency and waste management vehicles.

Laneway - also known as back alleys, laneways provide access to the rear of properties.

Public Works Department - the Public Works Department of the Summer Village of Sandy Beach.

Roadway- means the part of a road allowance intended for use by vehicular traffic

Sanding - The application of abrasive materials to roadways to improve vehicle traction and promote safe traffic flow.

Snow drifting - The deposit of windblown snow on roadways or lanes which makes the passage of vehicular traffic extremely difficult.

Snow plowing or removal - Pushing accumulated snow from the roadway surface either to the sides of the roadway or the center of the roadway to ensure travel lanes are passable to traffic.

Street Storage - The on-street storage of ploughed snow.

Summer Village - the Summer Village of Sandy Beach in the Province of Alberta.

Windrow - A continuous ridge of snow running parallel to the road, created from snowplowing operations.

2. Guidelines

- a. An effective snow and ice control policy is necessary to allow the Summer Village to function under normal winter weather conditions to reduce snow and ice hazards.
- b. The Summer Village of Sandy Beach will take full advantage of the snow storage capacity of roadways and boulevards to minimize the expenditures associated with snow removal.
- c. Although this policy sets out the priorities and procedures for snow and ice control, the Village may direct crews and equipment to work in areas requiring immediate attention due to emergency conditions or localized drifting.
- d. The intent of the snow and ice control policy is to minimize the economic loss to the community, ensure the available resources are best utilized, and to reduce the inconvenience and hazards of winter conditions for motorists,
- e. The aim of the snow and ice control policy is to provide reasonable winter driving conditions for vehicles that are:
 - i. properly equipped for winter driving; and
 - ii. are operated in a manner consistent with good driving habits.
- f. It is expected that there will be situations that arise where the immediate demand for snow and ice control services will exceed the available resources. In these situations, accessibility for emergency vehicles will be deemed the greatest priority.
- g. This policy must be kept flexible and should serve as a guideline for snow and ice control within the Village and the Summer Village of Sandy Beach may adjust/alter any section within this policy when an emergency situation and/or when severe weather situations occur.
- h. The Summer Village will consistently endeavour to accomplish the tasks laid out within this policy in the most cost-effective and safe manner, while still maintaining the high level of services.

3. Service Levels

- a) Level of service standards are established for the Summer Village controlled roadways according to their priority ranking. The level of service priorities are based upon emergency access and routing, and traffic speed and volumes.
- b) Public Works Employees are expected to maintain and clear the roads of the Summer Village of Sandy Beach, this includes Lower Lakeview Drive, Blue Heron Drive, West Cove Drive and Lakeshore Drive. Highway 642 is the responsibility of Alberta Highways.
 - I. Once a snow fall is approximately 8 cm, and the snow has stopped falling, then the public works foreman is expected to plough out the entire Summer Village.
 - II. If the public works foreman is not available then the alternative driver is to be called by the foreman or administration.
 - III. Administration will call the foreman/person if the roads are needed to be cleared, when

administration is not in the Summer Village.

- IV. After the end of a major snow fall, opening the roads will take approximately 1-3 days.
- V. Snow removal operations will begin after accumulations of at least eight (8) centimeters of snow or when drifting snow significantly impedes traffic flow unless the Public Works Department considers the road surface unsafe for the traveling public, in which case appropriate action shall be taken as deemed necessary, including the hiring of casual staff or contractors as required.
- VI. Snow and ice control operations are primarily conducted Monday through Friday. If deemed necessary by Administration and/or Public Works Department due to weather conditions, snow and ice control operations may commence on or continue into the weekend.
- VII. No private driveways or windrows on private driveways will be cleared by Village crews or equipment, regardless due to liability issues. A alternative service will be made available on the website and communication and this contractor can be contacted regarding services and expenses.
- VIII. Roadway sanding will occur on the same priority basis as snow plowing. Emphasis will be placed on access points to the range and township roads, important intersections, hills and other known problem areas.

Service Levels may be impacted by:

- a) Available resources
- b) Council approved budget
- c) Equipment failures
- d) Extreme weather conditions
- e) It is to be expected that there will be extreme winter situations where the immediate demand for snow and ice control services will exceed the available resources.

The procedure for snow removal and ice control shall be as follows:

- a) Removal of as much snow or ice as possible shall be done with suitable plowing equipment.
- b) Treatment of remaining snow or ice with buckshot or sand/salt mix combination shall be done to achieve good winter driving conditions.
- c) Plowing and de-icing activities shall continue as weather and operational conditions permit.

Windrow removal service

- a) Service will be provided only when the windrow is created after a "road wing" operation - the widening of the main arterial road.
- b) Windrows will only be removed from driveways that have been continuously cleared as part of the "road wing" operation.

Plowing operations are to be continued on an ongoing basis after initial road plowing in order to address areas prone to drifting snow or with steep gradients. These areas may be plowed more frequently.

4. Roadway Plowing Priority Ranking

Priority for plowing of roads with heavy snowfall shall be as follows:

- 1. All major thoroughfares including all Village school bus routes incl. turning areas excluding Highway 642;
- 2. All village parking areas, hall parking and pedestrian causeway;
- 3. Lagoon/Roll Off Bin access road;
- 4. Public Works Building;
- 5. Compound;
- 6. Lower and other deemed Roads;

- a) Priority shall be given to higher volume roadways as traffic dictates, with special

consideration given to steep hills and important intersections.

- b) Roadway sanding will occur on the same priority basis as snow ploughing. Emphasis will be placed on access points to the range and township roads, important intersections, hills and other known problem areas.
- c) If a snow fall with an accumulation of 8 centimeters or more should occur during snow and ice control operations, roadway ploughing and sanding operations will start from the beginning of the priority ranking list.

5. General

- a. The Summer Village of Sandy Beach may, if deemed necessary, build or place windrows of snow either in the center of the roadway or on the sides of the roadway.
- b. Roads may be utilized for snow storage and may result in damages to improvements and private trees within the Village boulevards. Care and attention will be taken to reduce potential damage to private trees and boulevards; however, it will not be the responsibility of the Summer Village to replant or reconstruct and damaged trees or boulevards.
- c. Residents are strictly prohibited from depositing snow on or pushing snow across any roadway and/ or into ditches as this could cause damage to snow removal equipment and cause a safety liability problem should a vehicle hit this accumulation of snow and lose control. Snow is not to be dumped on any Summer Village property.
- d. No vehicles, garbage totes, equipment or other objects are to be left or parked on the road during snow removal operations.
- e. Damages to vehicles, garbage totes, equipment and other objects left or parked on road allowances will be the responsibility of the property-owner.
- f. The Summer Village accepts no responsibility for damage to or restoration of sod, sculptures, rock gardens, concrete or stone works and other landscaping on public property from the actions of salt, sand, weight of snow or any other causes of damage.
- g. Other than for emergency conditions, snow operations may be suspended at temperatures below minus 30 degrees Celsius.
- h. Residents are not to attempt to flag down equipment operators and when approaching snow equipment, a minimum distance of 10 meters is to be maintained.

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