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Council Policy

Regular Snow Clearing

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Rescinded: N/A

Contact Department: Public Works

Guiding Principle

- Staff will clear snow from roads, sidewalks and the airport safely and efficiently at the service level set in this policy.

Purpose

- To identify the snow clearing priorities and trigger points.

Scope

- This policy encompasses all regular snow clearing activities on roads, trails, sidewalks and at the airport.
- Other snow clearing may happen at the discretion of the Manager of Operations or designate.

Policy Statements

Staff will begin to clear priority #1 items within twenty-four hours of checking and reaching a trigger point. The length of time to clear the snow will depend on the frequency and depth of snowfall.

Snow clearing will continue only during regular work hours until priority #1 and #2 items are completed.

Snow clearing on roads may be considered complete when a minimum five meters of width is cleared and the accumulation of loose snow and slush reaches between 6-10cm.

Extra-ordinary snowfalls of more than 15cm may be cleared differently according to the Manager of Operations or designate.

Priority #1

Roads

- Granby Road from Highway 3 to City gravel pit and Valley Heights Drive
- 2nd Street from Airport to north side of bridge
- Fire Hall front bay area facing 2nd Street and rear parking lot
- 72nd Avenue from 5th Street to 8th Street
- 8th Street from 72nd Avenue to Kettle River Drive
- Kettle River Drive from 8th Street to 68th Avenue
- 68th Avenue from Kettle River Drive to Spraggett Road
- 68th Avenue from Highway 3 east to 2nd Street
- 7th Street from 72nd Avenue to 75th Avenue (excluding Central Avenue)
- 75th Avenue from 7th Street to Riverside Drive
- Riverside Drive from 75th Avenue to Riverside Meadows
- Boundary Drive from 68th Avenue to 77th Avenue (excluding Central Avenue)
- 19th Street from 68th Avenue to Donaldson Drive (excluding Central Avenue)
- Donaldson Drive from 19th Street to North Fork Road
- 77th Avenue from Boundary Drive to 17th Street.
- 17th Street from 77th Avenue to McCallum View Drive
- McCallum View Drive from 17th Street to 76th Avenue
- 76th Avenue from McCallum View Drive to Donaldson Drive
- 22nd Street from Central Avenue to 78th Avenue
- 76th Avenue from 22nd Street to 23rd Street
- 75th Avenue from 22nd Street to North Fork Road

- 27th Street from 68th Avenue to Central Avenue
- 27th Street from Central Ave. to 75th Avenue
- 25th Street from Central Ave. to 75th Avenue
- 73rd Avenue from Boundary Drive to 11th Street
- 11th Street from 73rd Avenue to Kettle River Drive
- 72nd Avenue from Boundary Drive to 12th Street
- 72nd Avenue 19th St to 26th St
- 12th Street from 72nd Avenue to 73rd Avenue

Sidewalks

- Multi-Use Trail in South Ruckle from Community Garden to Central Avenue
- Central Avenue on south side from Multi-Use Trail end to 19th Street
- Central Avenue on north side from 19th Street to Boundary Drive
- Boundary Drive from 68th Avenue to 77th Avenue
- Central Avenue north side from Boundary Drive to Yale Bridge
- Sidewalks in the downtown core adjacent to City owned property
- Wheel chair ramps and alley drops
- Central Avenue on south side from 2nd to 19th Streets
- 19th Street from Central Avenue to 68th Avenue
- 68th Avenue from 19th Street to Kettle River Drive
- Kettle River Drive from 13th Street to 8th Street
- 8th Street from Kettle River Drive to 72nd Avenue
- 2nd Street from 72nd Avenue to Industrial Drive

Airport

- When an emergency Medi-vac call originates, personnel will immediately be dispatched to clean the runway and taxiway A of snow.
- When more than 10cm of snow falls the runway and taxiway A are cleared.
- When more than 5cm of wet and heavy snow falls, generally occurring in the temperature range -2C to plus 2C, the runway and taxiway A are cleared..
- When freezing is expected after melting conditions the runway and taxiway A are cleared.

Priority #2

Roads

- General residential streets.
- City owned parking lots.
- Downtown core and on street parking.

Sidewalks

- All other sidewalks.

Airport

- All times outside of the conditions listed under Priority #1.

Priority #3

- Cul-de-sacs, lanes, and alleys. Depending on equipment availability, some lanes and alleys may be done simultaneously with Priority #1 or #2 streets.
- Snow piles.

Trigger points

Triggers will be checked once per day during the regular work week and at least once per day via the web cam after snowfall on weekends and statutory holidays.

- Monday to Saturday: 5cm of accumulated snowfall as measured on the snow gauge at the Public Works Yard building.
- Sunday, and statutory holidays: 10cm of accumulated snowfall as measured on the snow gauge at the Public Works Yard building.
- As listed for the airport priority #1.