



VILLAGE OF SILVERTON POLICY NO. PW-2
**WINTER STREET MAINTENANCE
SNOW REMOVAL POLICY**

PREAMBLE:

The Village shall ensure, within fiscal restraints, that safe passage for traffic and pedestrians is provided, over the major transportation corridors within the Village, during the winter season.

POLICY:

PLOWING AND SANDING – FIRST PRIORITY ROADS

- (1) A combination of snow plowing and sanding shall be done as man power and resources permit commencing with a seven centimeter (7cm.) accumulation or equivalent conditions at the discretion of the Public Works Foreman or his designate. Snow-ploughed roads will be continuously scraped, on an on-going basis, to further reduce the snow surface as equipment and personnel are available.

During heavy snowfall situations, where it is apparent snowfall accumulations may exceed (8 in. / 20 cm.), snow plowing and sanding will be done on a continuous basis, to ensure traffic can safely and easily use the first priority roads.

- (2) Sanding will be done when required to facilitate safe passage. Intersections will be sanded initially, but sanding may be continuous if icy conditions persist.
- (3) Removal of snow accumulations from snow plowing operations will commence as soon as possible, after all streets have been widened and made safe for vehicular traffic.
- (4) Snow Removal Priorities will be
 - Victoria Street Hill,
 - Lake Ave from 4th street south,
 - Post Office Boxes,
 - Fire Hall,
 - all other streets and lanes including boat launch.

PLOWING AND SANDING – ALL OTHER ROADS

- (1) A combination of snow plowing and sanding shall be done as man power and resources permit, commencing with a seven centimeter (7 cm.) accumulation or equivalent conditions. Snow-ploughed roads will be continuously scraped, on an on-going basis in following weeks, to further reduce the snow surface as permitted by the availability of equipment and personnel.
- (2) Snow will be ploughed to the outside of carriageways on roads, with all efforts being made to ensure there is at least one traffic lane open on all streets.

SIDEWALKS

Village crews will clear snow from Village sidewalks, when snow has reached an accumulation of seven centimeters or deeper in a single snowfall.

- (1) **When snowfalls are less than seven centimeters, it shall be up to the adjoining property owner to clear snow from the sidewalks adjacent to their property.**
- (2) **Sidewalk snow can be pushed onto the adjacent street for removal by Public Works Crews. See item (3) below under GENERAL regarding parking areas and drive ways.**

GENERAL

- (1) **Windrows and snow piles** across private driveways accesses, or private sidewalks, produced by snow-plowing operations, will not be removed by Village crews unless prior arrangements have been made including a minimum charge.
- (2) **Fire hydrants** shall be cleared at the first available opportunity after streets and laneways have been initially cleared (but not widened).
- (3) **Snow from business parking lots or private land including drive ways, other than from municipal sidewalks shall not be pushed onto the roadway. It is the property owners responsibility to have this snow removed.**

DEFINITIONS

"Sanding" shall be a mixture of salt and or sand/crushed gravel, as circumstances warrant. Salt shall be of a sufficient quantity to ensure adhesion of the sand/crushed gravel to the snow surface.

Adopted as amended by Council in February of 2013