

**COUNCIL POLICY C-PW18****Snow Removal**

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PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to establish uniform standards for snow removal and ice control on roads under the direct control of Parkland County.

POLICY STATEMENT

Parkland County will provide snow removal and ice control services on roads under Parkland County's Authority. It is recognized that due to equipment and manpower constraints a priority system must be used to provide these services. It is also recognized that there will be unusual circumstances where Public Works staff must use discretion and judgment in the application of this policy.

DEFINITIONS

1. "Minor Snowfall event" means the occurrence of snowfall where the County has determined snowfall amounts do not seriously hinder motorists.

SCOPE

This policy applies to all roadways and traffic surfaces under the jurisdiction of the County. The County does not plow snow from private driveways.

MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITIES

The Manager of Public Works is responsible for the implementing, monitoring and evaluating of this policy.

STANDARDS

1. Operations on gravel roads typically commence when accumulations reach 10 cm to 15 cm.
2. Operations on paved and hard surfaced roads typically commence when accumulations reach 6 cm. Operations may commence earlier than described above if traffic is experiencing problems and sufficient equipment and manpower is available.
3. When accumulations reach target levels late at night, the start of work may be delayed until the following morning.

4. Under normal circumstances the County will supply sufficient equipment and manpower to clear public roadways within three (3) days after snowfall has stopped. Cleanup operations and clearing in parking lots may occur after this time frame.
5. When roads become slippery and if conditions warrant, abrasives and/or melting agents may be applied to the road surfaces at the discretion of Parkland County.
6. During a major snowfall event the County will use the following order of priority for snow removal (connecting roads with a lower priority will also be treated):
 - Arterial Roads,
 - Collector Roads,
 - Local and Subdivision Roads, and
 - Parking Lots.
7. During a minor snowfall event the County will use the following order of priority for snow removal (connecting roads with a lower priority will also be treated):
 - Critical Areas or Roads Requiring Special Attention,
 - Arterial Roads,
 - Collector Roads,
 - Local and Subdivision Roads, and
 - Parking Lots.
8. Where practical, operators will vary the starting point of their assigned routes for minor snowfall events.
9. Snow removal from approaches (including snow ridges that may have accumulated on approaches as a result of snow removal operations), and parking lots will only be done once the public roadways are cleared.