

MUNICIPALITY OF OAKLAND-WAWANESA

POLICY & PROCEDURE MANUAL

Policy

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PURPOSE:

The purpose of this policy is to outline the Municipality's position regarding winter storm plowing practice.

SNOW ROUTES:

The Public Works Manager will decide on the road and route the plows will follow. Typically, the order of snow plowing will follow the classification of roads. The roads that will be plowed first will be the major arteries, then the minor arterials then the major collectors and finally the minor collectors. The roads will be plowed according to a route that allows the grader operator to complete the route with the minimal amount of back tracking. Therefore, some of the minor roads may be plowed in order to provide the most efficient plowing schedule.

Any road that has historically not been plowed will continue to not be serviced during the winter months.

WORKING CONDITIONS

Snow fall amount, density of snow, humidity, rising or falling temperatures, wind velocity and direction along with the time of year, all play a part in how the Public Works Manager and Department responds to any particular snow event.

Under severe visibility restrictions no effort will be made to conduct snow removal operations by day or night. Snow clearing operations will not be undertaken when visibility is less than 300 metres.

EMERGENCY VEHICLES

For emergency vehicles responding to emergency situations (fire, medical, police) within the Municipality, necessary employees and equipment will be dispatched as soon as possible.

SNOW CLEARING ON PRIVATE LANEWAYS

Personal driveways will be snow plowed after all roads have been completed unless it is convenient for the operator to clear the snow while in the near vicinity, but will be at the sole discretion of the Public Works Manager.

RESIDENTIAL PLOWING AND PRIVATE LANEWAYS

Normal snow removal operations may result in snow being deposited in private laneways. Residents are responsible for clearing snow from private driveways. Snow from private driveways shall not be placed on the municipal roadway or shoulders. Do not plow snow from driveways onto or across municipal roads. Piles left on or near the road can freeze into a solid mass creating a hazardous situation for vehicles and snowplows and also increases the chance of drifting onto the roadway. Accidents and damages caused by snow piles placed in the roadway may result in liability of the property owner. Anyone found plowing snow or who has plowed snow onto the municipal right-of-way may be subject to liability through Manitoba Public Insurance and Royal Canadian Mounted Police, as well as being subject to costs incurred by the municipality to correct the situation.