

POLICY STATEMENT AND REGULATIONS

Number: 400.3

WINTER ROAD AND SIDEWALK MAINTENANCE

POLICY OBJECTIVE

To provide winter road and sidewalk maintenance that is balanced against the nature and quality of risks involved and that Council deems is reasonable in consideration of all circumstances including budgetary limitations, available personnel, and equipment, and the criteria of wanting to meet the standard duty of care.

POLICY

1. During winter months, roads and sidewalks shall be inspected daily for the presence of snow and ice.
2. The Director of Works and Utilities (the 'Director'), or their authorized designate, will create individual zones for winter road and sidewalk maintenance based on the current availability of equipment, personnel, and, where operationally efficient, the following priorities in order of precedence:
 - a. school bus routes on school days,
 - b. roads that are collector roads or considered especially steep, and
 - c. all remaining roads within each zone, regardless of classification, that are deemed to be dangerous or impassable.
3. Winter sidewalk maintenance will be performed exclusively on those portions of sidewalks that are within the frontage of a District property.
4. The Director may, at any time and at his sole discretion, alter winter road and sidewalk maintenance priorities and schedules due to current availability of equipment and personnel or to current weather conditions.
5. The Director may, at any time and at his sole discretion, delay or alter winter road and sidewalk maintenance in order to delegate trucks, equipment, and personnel to other concurrent emergent events.
6. Winter road and sidewalk maintenance in all areas, other than the downtown business core, will not commence earlier than 6:00 a.m., 5:00 a.m. on school days, or continue later than 9:00 p.m.
7. Winter road and sidewalk maintenance in the downtown business core will not commence earlier than 5:00 a.m. or continue later than 9:00 p.m.
8. The Director may, at his sole discretion, extend the hours of winter road and sidewalk maintenance outside of those hours specified in Articles 6 and 7 where he deems additional winter maintenance is required for public safety or other emergent situations.

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