



TOWN OF KENTVILLE POLICY STATEMENT G9 ICE AND SNOW CONTROL PROCEDURES

1.0 PURPOSE

To clarify the responsibility of the Town of Kentville's ice and snow control procedures.

2.0 DEFINITIONS

3.0 SCOPE

It shall be the policy of the Town of Kentville that ice and snow is removed from the streets and sidewalks of Town, so as to support safe vehicular and pedestrian travel, at a reasonable cost to the taxpayers.

4.0 PROCEDURES

Clearing of Streets

The Public Works Department (Duty Foreman) will determine when streets are to be salted and/or plowed. Generally, this will be after a storm has abated.

The amount of sand and salt used will be determined on a situational basis and by the Public Works Department's Duty Foreman.

Police Officers will monitor street conditions and may recommend plowing and salting to the Public Works Foreman.

After regular working hours, primary attention will be given to the main thoroughfares.

Salting and plowing will not be done between the hours of 12:00 a.m. and 5:00 a.m. (with the exception of clean up around the downtown core area), with the possible exceptions of emergency situations involving medical, electrical, fire, police, accidents, etc.

Streets will be salted according to their designate classification. Three such categories exist:

- main thoroughfares and streets with steep grades;
- streets with a slight grade, but lightly traveled;
- flat, lightly traveled streets.

There may be conditions, (as determined by the Public Works Duty Foreman,) under which all streets will be salted, as general unsafe driving conditions may exist due to an icy rain or sleet storm.

Generally however, priority will be given to streets in Category 1 (main thoroughfares and those with a steep grade); whereas, streets in Category 2 (with a very slight grade, but lightly traveled) and Category 3 (flat grade and lightly traveled) may seldom require salting.

Generally, streets will be plowed prior to salting, and/or salted only when less than two inches of snow has fallen.

Again, at the discretion of the Public Works Duty Foreman, salting may be done only to those slippery patches considered hazardous, while other areas may be deemed safe for normal winter travel.

The routes regularly followed for salting and plowing will be determined by priority: - main thoroughfares, streets with steep grades and routes to the hospital. Effort will be made to reduce duplication and backtracking by the vehicles.

The Town does not take responsibility for removing snow from any private driveway. The only exception might be when, in the discretion of the Public Works Foreman, one-way plowing (when all the snow is plowed to one side of the street), abnormally fills a driveway.

An unwritten Reciprocal Agreement exists between the Department of Transportation and the Town of Kentville, whereby the County may salt and plow certain streets in Kentville, and the Town may salt and plow certain streets into the County: The Department of Transportation is responsible for clearing Brooklyn Street - from the Town boundary to Cornwallis Street and Belcher Street - from Mee Road to the Town boundary.

Conversely, the Town of Kentville is responsible for clearing Canaan Avenue - from the Town boundary to Highbury Road; Campbell Road - from the Town boundary to D'Ell Road; Mee Road - from Belcher Street to Mountainview Road; and D'Aubin Lane.

In addition to the street categories above, specific areas of Town will also be considered:

Area # 1 – (Business District) which should be done after each storm.
Around both downtown squares to the bridge (except the east side of Cornwallis Street from Barclay Street south to the Cornwallis Inn exit);
Webster Street (from Aberdeen to the Kentville Save Easy)
River Street (from Aberdeen to the Legion)
Main Street – both sides (from Butt's Service Station to Chester Avenue)

Area # 2 (Adjacent to Business District) which should be done, generally, when there is more than six inches of snow

Butt's Service Station, to second crosswalk West Main Street

Prospect Street (from Main to Highland);

Elizabeth Avenue (east entrance to School roadway);

Church Street (Main Street to Kings Arms Parking Lot)

Webster Court

Area # 3 (town-wide) which should only be done as a result of streets becoming too narrow or the sidewalks blocked.

Crescent Avenue

Leverett Avenue (from Main to Wedgewood Lodge);

Belcher Street (from Oakdene Avenue to Mee Road);

River Street (from Legion to Griffins);

School Street (from Academy to Main Street);

King Street

Canaan Avenue (from Main Street to Dale Street);

Intersections all over Town (when they impede vision)

Clearing of Sidewalks

By bylaw, property owners and occupiers of properties adjacent to sidewalks, are responsible for keeping the sidewalks clear.

However, on occasion, the Public Works Department Duty Foreman may determine that sidewalks in the business district should be cleared before the snow is loaded and hauled from the streets, so as to avoid duplication of this work after the downtown businesses have cleared their sidewalks. This should not be misconstrued as a waiving of the responsibility of those businesses.

The Town will clear some sidewalks along the main thoroughfares, with plowing between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. At the discretion of the Public Works Department, additional plowing may be deemed warranted.

Sidewalks in residential areas like Wayne Street, Klondyke Avenue, Chestnut Place and Orchard Road will not be cleared by the Town, as these are the responsibility of the property owners and occupiers of properties adjacent to sidewalks

The Town is not responsible to repair fences, hedges, mail boxes, and lawns which are damaged in the process of salting and plowing streets and sidewalks, (as a result of the property owners having erected same too close to the sidewalk or street and within the Town's right of way).

Property owners will be encouraged to keep their lawns (that portion adjacent to the sidewalk) at the same level as the sidewalk, so as to reduce the likelihood of damage to their lawn.

Liability for property damage will be considered, only if equipment operators have carried out their duties in an unreasonable and irresponsible manner, given the conditions at the time.

The Public Works Department will maintain statistics on such things as snow falls, hours of work (regular and overtime), salt purchased, etc. in order to enable cost and service comparisons in the future.

5.0 ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS

6.0 POLICY REVISION HISTORY

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