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VILLAGE OF NAKUSP COUNCIL POLICY MANUAL

POLICY: RM13 – WINTER STREET MAINTENANCE
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(Mayor Karen Hamling)

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 ten centimeter (10 cm.) accumulation or equivalent conditions. 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 twelve inches/thirty centimeters (12 in. / 30 cm.), snow plowing and sanding will be done on a continuous basis, to ensure traffic can safely and easily use the first priority roads.

Following overnight snowfalls, snow plowing shall commence no later than 5:00 a.m. **Clearing of first priority sidewalks shall be co-ordinated with first priority street snow plowing operations, in order to ensure all snow pushed into the street is appropriately accumulated for later removal (e.g. snow from Broadway Street sidewalks is cleared onto the street; then pushed to the centre of Broadway Street, when street plowing is done).**

- (2) Snow will be ploughed in the following fashion, dependent on snow-fall forecasts for the area, from Environment Canada Weather Information offices:
- to the centre of Broadway Street;
 - away from private property in areas where open public space is available across the street (e.g. Tenth Avenue bordering the Nakusp Sports Complex grounds/park).
- (3) Sanding will be done when required to facilitate safe passage. Intersections will be sanded initially, but sanding may be continuous if icy conditions persist.

- (4) Removal of snow accumulations from snow plowing operations (on Broadway Street; and Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Avenues [between Broadway and First Streets]) will commence as soon as possible, after all streets have been widened and made safe for vehicular traffic.

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 ten centimeter (10 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.
- (3) Sanding will be done only at intersections, curves, and steep stretches of road.
- (4) Accumulated snow will not be hauled away.

SIDEWALKS

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

- (1) **When snowfalls are less than ten 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.**
- (3) **Village crews/contractors will clear the following sidewalks on a first priority basis as follows:**

- Broadway Street, from 8th Avenue to Nelson Avenue (both sides);
- Avenue Ends below Broadway, from Nelson Ave. south to 8th Ave. S.W.
- Sixth Avenue, from Broadway Street to Fourth Street (east side)
- Eighth Avenue from 4th Street to Broadway Street (Seniors Hall and Halcyon Home)
- Fourth Avenue, from Broadway Street to fourth street (west side)
- First Street, from 6th Avenue to Nelson Avenue (north side)
- Waterfront walkway and Beach

Other sidewalks within the Village will be cleared, after the first priority sidewalks are done; and as manpower, finances and other resources permit.

GENERAL

- (1) **Windrow** across private driveways accesses, or private sidewalks, produced by snow-plowing operations, will not be removed by Village crews.
- (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

“First Priority Roads” shall be the following Village streets, and all three routes shall be done simultaneously, in the order as noted;

1. As listed, depending on availability of man-power, equipment and snowfall levels;

Truck #1 – Upper Zones

- Hot Springs Road (yard to highway)
- Government Hill down to the hospital and back
- Church Hill Rd. Nakusp East and Alexander Road
- Clean side streets (1st and 2nd Ave N.E.)

Truck #2 – Lower Zone

- 4th Street NW from 6th Avenue to 8th Avenue

Machine (loader and back hoe or two back hoes)

- 4th St. NW from 6th Ave to 8th Ave
- 8th Ave from 4th street to Broadway Street
- Broadway Street around the Ambulance Station (8th Ave – 7th Ave)
- Broadway Street – both sides
- 5th Avenue (Fire Hall)

“Sanding” shall be a mixture of salt and 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.