



City of Bathurst Snow Plowing



It's that time of year again and your Public Works Department will be called upon to clear the roadways and sidewalks of snow and ice. During the storms, we plan to work quickly to clear the roads, making them safe for travel. No matter how careful drivers are, snow and ice control operations may cause inconveniences to you and we ask for your patience and assistance.

Parking Regulations

- In the months beginning November 1st to and including April 30th, between the hours of midnight and seven o'clock in

the forenoon of any day, no person shall park a vehicle on any street in the City.

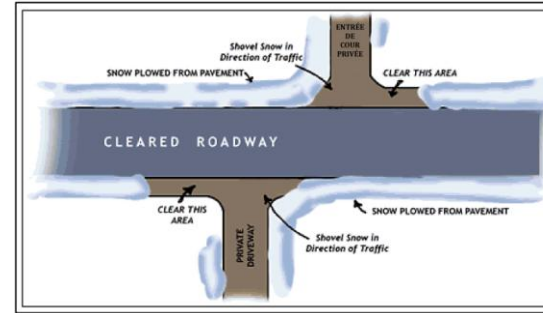
- No person shall stop, stand, or park a vehicle in any driveway closer than two (2) meters from the curb line or edge or road shoulder.

Clearing Driveways

Just as certain as the storms are, is the certainty that we will annoy some property owners because we will be plowing their already cleared driveways full of snow again. We wish we could leave each driveway meticulously clear, but to do this would mean that we would never finish the plowing in a reasonable time.

During a storm our plowing must keep the pavement, or traveled right-of-way, cleared. After the storm, and after the pavement has been cleared, we must "widen-out" and clear the shoulder. A plow on widening operations fills the opening in the driveway a property owner has cleared. We recognize this is discouraging and irritating, but with your cooperation this inconvenience can be minimized.

Below you will find a sketch showing how your driveway can be initially cleared to reduce the possibility that after the plow passes you will be snow bound again. We suggest that you clear your driveway in the manner suggested in the sketch. If you will shovel snow in the direction of traffic, and make a pocket next to your driveway as shown, snow accumulation on the plow will drop into that pocket and only a bare minimum will go into the driveway opening.



Safety

The following are a few reminders to consider for everyone's safety:

- Make sure your children do not play in the large snow piles located along the roadway. The mountains of snow are appealing to children, but can be very dangerous when the snowplows are pushing snow.
- Snow left on the roads by homeowners or private contractors is a road hazard. As the winter progresses these piles work into the road. This hard packed snow and ice can push a snow plow across the centerline into on-coming traffic. It should be noted that all homeowners and snowplow contractors can be charged for placing snow on the roadway.

Frequently asked Questions

Why do the city snow plows push snow into my driveway and who is responsible for clearing it? Because of normal snow plowing operations, snow may be placed in your driveway unavoidably. Plows are angled to

the right for plowing from the centerline of the street to the curb. For this reason, a certain amount of snow will be deposited in driveways. Snow placed in driveways by the City while snow plowing is the residents and owners responsibility to remove.

Why is the snow plow operator driving so fast considering the road conditions? It might appear at times that the snow plow operator is driving too fast for road conditions. While operators drive safe and legal speeds, at times they need to "roll" the snow to remove it from the road. A sufficient speed needs to be maintained by the driver to do this and clear the street.

Can snow from my driveway be pushed across the street? Snow may not be pushed into or across the street from private property, according to City ordinance. Please keep this in mind when clearing your driveway. If you hire a private service to clear your driveway, let the contractor know.

Who do I contact if a City snow plow damages my lawn? If a City snow plow or sidewalk plow causes lawn damage, please contact Public works Department at 548-0444. You will be placed on a list for spring clean-up once all the snow is melted. Sod and grass damage is restored by City crews with topsoil and grass seed.

The City of Bathurst would like to

Thank You

for your cooperation and understanding during the winter season. By working together, we can make the roads and sidewalks safe for all.