

<b>RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF BROKENHEAD POLICY AND PROCEDURE MANUAL</b>		<b>POLICY NO: PUB-103</b>
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<b>TITLE:  SNOW CLEARING</b>		<b>DATE LAST REVIEWED BY MGMT: December 3, 2007</b>

### **Purpose**

The goal of the Snow and Ice Control policy is to maintain the Municipalities roadways so as to: Reduce the hazards of icy conditions to motorists and pedestrians; Minimize economic losses to the community and industry resulting from unsatisfactory winter driving conditions; Facilitate the handling of emergencies by Police, Fire/Ambulance services during the winter.

### **Priorities**

For the purpose of snow clearing, the road system has been classified in two categories, Main Roads and Secondary Roads, however for a variety of reasons, some roads designated as a particular priority may be plowed on an accelerated basis together with roads in a higher priority. The definitions listed below describe the general rule and some exceptions to the rule. Should clarification for any specific location be necessary, contact the Manager of Operations.

**Main Roads:** Includes those roads that are considered as a feeder into Beausejour and/or onto a Provincial Highway as well as the roadways within the LUD of Tyndall/Garson

**Secondary Roads:** Include all other roads, Streets, subdivisions and right-of –ways.

### **Policy**

Main roads shall normally be maintained to bare gravel and/or pavement over the full width of the travel surface. Generally, snow accumulating beyond a depth of 3 cm shall be removed through the use of snow clearing equipment. Snow equipment will be sent out as soon as weather conditions permit and will continue until all roads are cleared. Snow equipment will only be dispatched when visibility is such not to create a hazard on the road. Plowing shall be undertaken during the night as much as possible in order to minimize the problems associated with traffic and parked vehicles. Snow plowing operations shall be completed within twenty-four hours following the end of an average storm.

During extreme snowfall events where the snowfall amount and/or accompanying severe drifting conditions makes it impractical to complete snow clearing operations, the time limits specified may be extended.

Secondary Roads including urban streets, subdivision roads and right-of-ways shall normally be plowed to bare gravel and/or pavement over the full width of the road. However, minor snowfall accumulations may result in a layer of compacted snow on the road surface. Plowing operations shall normally be initiated when the snow has accumulated beyond a depth of 3 cm.

Roads, Subdivision roads, Streets and Right-of-ways shall be plowed on a continuous basis until completed. During a major storm, advanced priority for plowing shall be given to Doctor's residences, and School Bus Routes. Snow clearing shall be completed within twenty-four hours following the end of an average storm.

During extreme snowfall events where the snowfall amount and/or accompanying severe drifting conditions makes it impractical to complete the snow clearing operations, the time limits specified may be extended.

Custom snow clearing of private driveways, lanes and right-of-ways are permitted however will not be given priority over clearing of Main and/or Secondary Roads. A priority ranking according to potential impacts will be given to all custom work requests.

Windrows of snow shall be removed, upon request in front of churches in order to facilitate weddings, funerals and other special religious requests.

Windrows of snow shall be removed from in front of all rural post office boxes

### **Salt and Sand**

The populace of the Municipality is largely dependant on being mobile all year round, either by automobile, truck or bus. As a result, it is critical that the road network and transportation system be functioning and safe. The Municipality endeavours to provide an adequate level of service and, pending proper weather conditions, the application of sand and salt satisfies the following objectives.

1. Improving tire traction and braking qualities at controlled intersections.
2. Improving tire traction and braking qualities on specified roadway surfaces due to freezing rain, fog, traces of snow, or frost formations such as on bridge decks.

### **Emergency Snow Clearing**

Public Works Snow clearing services shall be made available for all emergency situation upon request by the Police, Fire and/or Ambulance services.

### **Cemeteries**

Snow clearing of cemeteries shall be provided, however will not be given priority over clearing of main and/or secondary roads, streets, subdivisions and right-of-ways. A priority ranking according to potential impacts will be given to all custom work requests.

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