

# Village of Beechy

## **Winter Maintenance Program and Policy**

### Part I- Introduction

#### 1) Title

This policy shall be referred to as the Winter Maintenance Program Policy.

#### 2) Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to regulate and provide winter maintenance that effectively supports the health, attractiveness, and economic viability of this community. This Policy is to provide winter maintenance guidelines for the Village of Beechy, regulate the removal and/or placement of snow on private and public property and to prohibit the placement of snow on roadways, public drainage ditches and public property. All activities in the program, in particular the Ice Control activity, will follow the intent, guidelines and practices laid out herein.

The Winter Maintenance Policy is comprised of the following general activities:

- a) snow clearing of streets and alleyways
- b) ice control of streets and alleyways
- c) snow removal

The Snow Removal plan will consist of two phases, each with a list of areas to be cleared in descending order of importance.

Snow removal will be done after the Village has received *any* amount of snow sufficient to warrant clearing. In the event of a heavy snow fall, clearing of streets will be done during the storm, if practical, to keep roads passable. The Village Foreman may also decide to remove snow in the event of a series of small snow falls, and areas that become drifted in.

## Part II- SNOW REMOVAL

**Phase 1:** Using the truck and blade, TWO passes will be made on each street to allow traffic movement. Snow removal will begin in Area 1, then move to area 2, and then to Area 3.

Area 1) First Avenue North (in its entirety)

Area 2) Second Avenue North: Between Main Street and the Intersection at Highway 737 (to Demaine)

Area 3) All other remaining streets

**Phase 2:** Using the tractor and blower, streets will be cleared beginning in Area 1, then move to Area 2, then to Area 3. Area 4 will be cleared only when no additional snow has fallen after the completion of Areas 1 through 3.

Area 1) First Avenue North, beginning beside Tom Agencies, in front of New Horizons (the Senior Centre), and Shear Essence Salon.

Area 2) Alleyways: Priority will be given to the Well House (WTP); then alleyways behind Canada Post, behind the Beechy Library, West of the Co-op Food Store, East of the Sunnyview Apartment building, and east of the rink for ice plant access.

Area 3) In front of the United and Anglican Churches and the Beechy Public Library; the remainder of streets

Area 4) Remainder of alleyways when the time permits.

## Part III- Responsibilities of Property Owners

The Village will not remove snow in front of any private residences for the purpose of on-street parking.

Windrows left through driveway approaches during the snow removal process are the homeowner's responsibility to remove. The clearing of municipal roads in a timely manner is a priority of the Village Foreman

## Part IV- SANDING STREETS

Sanding of Streets will be done as is necessary, due to icy conditions, such as:

- Freezing Rain
- Light snow if streets become slippery
- Streets become polished (ie. After high winds)

Sanding will be done after snow removal has been completed in areas of the Village. Sanding priority will be given to Area 1, before the remainder of intersections and streets are sanded.

Area 1) Intersections on Main Street and Railway Avenue; and Main Street in front of businesses.

#### Part V-Definitions

1) Whenever in this policy the following words or terms are used, they shall, unless the text otherwise provides, be held to have the following meanings:

a) “public place” includes all or any part of a street as defined by *The Municipalities Act*, a park, a municipal reserve, environmental reserve, buffer strip, drainage ditch, or other property of The Village of Beechy

b) “street” means a street within the meaning of *The Municipalities Act*

#### Part VI- Regulations

1) No person shall push, blade, shovel, blow or place snow that has accumulated on private property onto any sidewalk, street or public place

2) The Village may designate areas for disposal of accumulated snow and upon such designation being made the owner or occupier of property may dispose of snow upon such places, notwithstanding that such places are public places.

3) The owner or occupier of property shall ensure that when clearing or removing snow or ice or other loose debris, that he or she shall refrain from causing injury or unduly interfering with any person lawfully using the sidewalk, street or public place and shall refrain from causing damage to the sidewalks, streets, public places or other private property.

4) The owner or occupier of property shall ensure that snow disposal be undertaken in such a manner that it does not create a hazard or interfere with the use of streets, sidewalks, public places or other private property.

4) Were the Village’s bylaw enforcement officer, foreman or his alternate being of the opinion that a violation of this bylaw has occurred, the Village employee is hereby

authorized to cause all obstructions to be clearly removed from the sidewalk, street, or public place affected at the expense of the property owner. Any unpaid expenses and costs incurred by the Village for removing the accumulation may be added to the tax roll.