



COUNCIL POLICY

PRIORITIES FOR STREET SNOW CLEARING AND SANDING POLICY

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POLICY STATEMENT:

As the local road authority, the Village of Foremost will maintain municipal roads in a safe and passable condition. Snow and ice services are not intended to eliminate all hazardous conditions at all times but rather intended to assist vehicles which are properly equipped for winter driving and being operated in a manner consistent with good winter driving practices.

PURPOSE:

During inclement weather, there will be situations when the immediate demand for snow and ice control services will exceed available resources, and to maximize the benefits of operations, snow and ice control forces shall conduct operations according to approved priorities.

COUNCIL PRINCIPLES:

- 1) Generally, snow and ice control will be carried out based on the following order of priorities;

Grader:

1. Main Street (grade and windrow to centre)
2. Truck Route and Bus Route (grade and windrow to centre)
3. Airport (grade to both sides of runway)
4. Community Hall Parking Lot – dependent upon bookings, if booked receives priority, if not booked falls to lower priority

5. Residential (grade and windrow to centre)
6. Alleys (grade to one side, as required)

Tractor/Snow removal bucket and blade:

1. Intersections (remove windrow) and Fairway Manor (remove windrow on 2nd Avenue West between 4th Street West and east entrance into Fairway Crescent)
2. Main Street (remove windrow from centre)
3. Truck Route and Bus Route (remove windrow from centre)
4. Fire Hall Parking Pad (remove and pile on southwest corner of property)
5. Library/Seniors' Parking Lot (remove and pile on north and west side of parking lot)
6. Civic Centre Parking Lot (remove and pile on east and south side of parking lot)
7. Residential (remove windrow from centre)

Sanding Truck:

1. Streets will be sanded at the intersections and crosswalks, as deemed necessary by Public Works Foreman.
 2. Parking Lots: Foremost Civic Centre, Foremost Library/Seniors Complex and Foremost Community Hall. When parking lots require sanding due to excess ice, will be sanded when parking lots are vacant of vehicles and as deemed necessary by Public Works Foreman.
- 2) Grader snow removal operations will occur at the conclusion of a storm event or sooner if snow accumulations reach 15 cm on the roadway, or if drifting conditions prevail.
 - 3) Tractor/Snow removal bucket and blade removal operations should commence before snow becomes packed by traffic, or when snow accumulations exceed 15 cm.
 - 4) Call Out: Generally, no snow plowing will occur between 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m., weekends and/or holidays. However, if the roads or streets are becoming impassable, the snow plowing equipment may be called out at anytime.
Snow removal/sanding/plowing may happen on weekends and holidays, if deemed necessary by Public Works Foreman.
 - 5) As part of regular snow plowing operations, graders will inevitably leave windrows across approaches into private properties. Although operators will try to mitigate the size of the windrows whenever possible, the Village of Foremost will only remove the windrows or plow the intersections as time and equipment permit.