

SNOW REMOVAL	Department: Council	Policy Source: Council
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POLICY: The main objective of this policy is to clear major routes and priority locations and to ensure they are kept open. This policy must be kept flexible and should service as a guideline for snow plowing in the Village of Alliance. Operational and administrative decisions that affect snow plowing and priorities are made by the CAO and the Public Works Foreman.

PURPOSE: Snow and ice control is one of the Villages core areas of responsibility. The program establishes safe traffic flow and clears roadways for safe access as quickly and efficiently as possible. A priority system has been developed to ensure high traffic areas are addressed first. Budget, available equipment and resources and extreme weather conditions may impact service levels.

PROCEDURE:

1. During the winter (approximately October to April) the Village of Alliance staff monitor the forecast and commence plowing and sanding when snow has accumulated to 2” or when excessive drifting has occurred.
2. Staff will commence plowing as early as 6am and work until administration determines that any remaining snow does not constitute a hazard to emergency traffic. Snow removal will then continue as required the same day or continue the next day as appropriate.
3. Administration will provide direction when it is necessary to hire extra snow plowing contractors,.
4. Roads are sanded when they are cleared on the same priority basis. Emphasis is placed on intersections and the school zone.
5. Snow will be removed by a variety of methods, depending on conditions such as the amount of snow fall and accumulation or drifting. Administration will determine on a case by case basis which method will work best. Some standard practices include:
 - a) Windrowing snow onto boulevards (where there are no adjacent sidewalks)
 - b) Windrowing snow into the middle of the street (removal of such will commence once all streets have been cleared)
 - c) Piling snow into the middle of intersections (when snowfall amounts dictate removal-removal will commence once all streets have been cleared)
 - d) Pushing snow to designated spots where melting will not have a detrimental effect on people or property.

