

BYLAW NO. 9/2017

A BYLAW OF THE TOWN OF ST. BRIEUX TO REGULATE SNOW REMOVAL FROM STREETS AND SIDEWALKS

The Council of the Town of St. Brieux in the Province of Saskatchewan enacts as follows:

WHEREAS Section 8 of The Municipalities Act provides in part, as follows:

“8(1) A municipality has a general power to pass any bylaws for the purposes of the municipality that it considers expedient in relation to the following matters respecting the municipality:

- (a) the peace, order and good government of the municipality;
- (b) the safety, health and welfare of people and the protection of people and property;
- (c) people, activities and things in, on or near a public place or place that is open to the public;
- (d) nuisances, including property, activities or things that affect the amenity of a neighbourhood;
- (e) transport and transportation systems, including carriers of persons or goods;
- (f) subject to The Traffic Safety Act, the use of vehicles and the regulation of pedestrians;
- (g) streets and roads, including temporary and permanent openings and closings;
- (h) businesses, business activities and persons engaged in business;
- (i) services provided by or on behalf of the municipality, including establishing fees for providing those services;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Town of St. Brieux enacts as follows:

1. SHORT TITLE

- 1.1 This Bylaw may be cited as “The Snow Removal Bylaw”.

2. DEFINITIONS

- 2.1 In this Bylaw:
 - (a) “Town” means the Town of St. Brieux.
 - (b) “Occupant” / “Owner” shall have the meaning given thereto by The Municipalities Act.

3. OBJECTIVES & INITIATIVES

- 3.1 To ensure safe access for emergency vehicles providing Fire, Police and Emergency Medical Services during the winter;
- 3.2 To maintain reasonable conditions on roadways for motorists which are properly equipped for winter driving and operate in a manner consistent with good winter driving habits;
- 3.3 To maintain reasonable conditions on sidewalks so as to minimize hazards for pedestrians;
- 3.4 Provide guidelines for management and operating personnel in the handling of winter maintenance operations; and
- 3.5 Outline business operators and citizens’ responsibilities regarding sidewalk snow and ice control on private property.

4. STREET PRIORITIES

- 4.1 The Snow Clearing Program Map, attached to and forming part of this Bylaw as "Schedule "A", illustrates the order of snow removal priority routes, as well as a general direction of work flow for snow removal throughout the Town.
- (a) Priority One (1) – Emergency Routes, Main arterials including access to care homes
 - (b) Priority Two (2) - Business district, school route, Heavy traffic routes
 - (c) Priority Three (3) – Residential areas & back lanes

5. SIDEWALK PRIORITIES

- 5.1 The following list establishes the priority for the Town's responsibility for snow removal on sidewalks.
- (a) Town Public Works shop
 - (b) Water Treatment Plant
 - (c) Town Office

PROCEDURE

6. Roadways

- (a) Streets will be monitored throughout the winter.
- (b) Street sanding shall occur on icy intersections in priority 1 & 2 areas.
- (c) The formation of ruts on roadways will be monitored and addressed on an ongoing basis to prevent them from becoming unmanageable.
- (d) In the event of a major snowfall, greater than 15 cm (6 inches), the Town shall ensure that the streets remain passable by cleaning trouble areas and sanding icy intersections. No cleanup will occur until such time as conditions and resources warrant.
- (e) When snow clearing takes place in residential areas, vehicles that are left on the roadways may be subject to being blocked in and may be subject to fines and/or towing at the cost of the vehicle owner. The Town of St. Brieux will not be held responsible for any costs or damages to a vehicle.
- (f) While reasonable efforts will be made not to push snow on sidewalks or block driveways with the windrows that may form as a result of grading/plowing the street, the Town's responsibility is to clear the public roadways and not private driveways. The homeowner is ultimately responsible for clearing their own driveway. In the event that Town grading/plowing has created an excessive amount of snow that is negatively affecting driveway or pedestrian access, the owner or occupant is to contact the office and the Foreman shall review the issue on a case by case basis.
- (g) Some roadways shall receive "haul out" service in order to prevent traffic hazards. Hauling out the snow will be determined on an as needed basis by the Town Foreman.

7. Windrows:

- (a) Some Town streets could have windrows in the middle of the streets in preparation of snow removal. Caution is advised to both through traffic and turning vehicles. Crosswalk rules still apply and motorists are advised to adjust their driving speeds accordingly to allow them to see pedestrians in ample time

to stop. Pedestrians are urged to proceed with extra caution as it is difficult to see them amongst the windrows.

8. Edge Ridges Affecting Private Driveways and Approaches

- (a) Windrows or edges will be pushed onto Town property in the residential areas with the intent that the sidewalk be kept clear.
- (b) The plow operator will make every effort to drop the wing blade to drag the snow through driveways reducing the edge ridges or windrows along the driveway approach. Normally these ridges do not prevent access and are the homeowners responsibility to remove. The operator may not identify every driveway and may leave a full windrow or ridge across the driveway.
- (c) The Town will keep access cleared for a standard width 7.3 meter (24 foot) wide primary driveway for each property, though at the Town Foreman's discretion more than one driveway may be kept accessible as time and manpower allow.
- (d) The Town is not responsible for clearing ridges or edges from driveways where residents have constructed multiple driveways without proper spacing and wider than the standard 7.3 meter (24 foot) width due to equipment limitations.
- (e) The Public Work staff will remove snow in the most efficient manner; however it is at the discretion of the Town Foreman as to how the snow will be removed.

9. PARKED VEHICLES:

- (a) Residents are to avoid parking their vehicles on streets for more than 48 consecutive hours after snowfall has ceased.
- (b) After the vehicle has been moved, it may not be returned until the street has been cleared of snow.
- (c) It is the owner/occupant's responsibility to dig their vehicle out if it gets surrounded by windrows or ridges.

10. Contractor Support:

- (a) At certain times, the amount of snow accumulation will exceed our ability to clear it effectively and efficiently with our in-house resources. At such time as snow accumulation exceeds 25 cm (10 inches), contractor support may be utilized.
- (b) The Town may engage the help of contractors to clear snow at any time if other priorities or emergencies arise that require the use and expertise of the Town's resources.

11. Sidewalks:

- (a) Snow and ice on sidewalks can seriously impair the ability of people to get around safely, especially elderly and those with mobility issues. Often when sidewalks are not cleared, pedestrian traffic chooses the roadways to walk on. This creates an increased risk of pedestrian/vehicular accidents. For these reasons, sidewalks need to be maintained in a manner that allows safe pedestrian travel.
- (b) To avoid a large accumulation of snow on the street, any snow removed off the Town sidewalk and/or owner's driveway is to be placed on private property.
- (c) Owners or Occupants of business premises must keep the sidewalks in front and flanking their business, clear and free of snow and ice. Accumulations shall be removed within 24 hours of snowfall. Businesses are permitted to push the snow out into the street where the grader/plow is able to clear it away. Snow is not to be piled on the sidewalk at any time. Snow from parking lots must not be piled in any lane or street and piles are not permitted to be placed in an area that creates a safety issue by obstructing site lines at entrances/exits of laneways or roadways.
- (d) Owners and Occupants of residential properties are responsible for the removal of snow accumulations on the public sidewalk in front of or adjacent to the property

they own or occupy. The removal is to be undertaken within 24 hours after the snowfall. The snow is not to be deposited onto the roadways.

12. INFRACTIONS:

Any person or persons who contravene the provisions of this Bylaw are guilty of an offence and shall be liable upon summary conviction to a fine of not less than \$50.00.

13. REPEALED

Bylaw 9/2006 is hereby REPEALED.

14. COMING INTO FORCE:

This bylaw shall come into force on the final passing thereof.

[SEAL]

Mayor

Administrator

Subsection 289 *The Municipalities Act*

Read a third time and adopted
this ___ day of _____, 2017.

Administrator

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