SNOW CLEARING POLICY & REGULATIONS

Approved by Motion of Council #

1. **Snow Clearing Period**: Effective from December 1st, 2026, to March 31, 2027, unless otherwise deemed necessary by Council.

2. No person, whether occupant or owner, agent, or employee, when keeping a pathway, driveway, or any other portion of land free of snow or ice, shall blow, throw, scoop, dump, or place any snow or ice onto a highway such that it interferes with, hinders, impedes, or obstructs in anyway, pedestrian, or vehicular traffic. "**Person**" means any person/s, contractor, firm, partnership, association, corporation, or organization of any kind.

3. Residents are responsible to clear snow from garbage boxes for regular weekly garbage collection. Garbage boxes/containers, etc., **MUST** be moved inside property boundaries a satisfactory distance off any road during snow clearing operations to ensure damage does not occur.

4. No person shall park a motor vehicle or trailer on any highway in such manner to hinder, impede, inconvenience, or prevent the plowing and/or removal of snow and or ice from the highway. Any vehicle/s in violation of this regulation will be towed and impounded at the owner's expense, as per the Town's Traffic & Snow Clearing Regulations. "**Vehicle**" means a device in, upon or by which a person or thing may be transported or drawn upon a highway and includes trailer.

5a. Council will not be responsible for damage done to fences, garbage boxes, etc., during snow-clearing and specifically personal property that are less than 22-ft from the center line of the road. The town will not be responsible for damage caused to trees or private property if they have not been properly marked and protected, i.e.: painted poles a minimum of 4-ft high to mark private property.

5b. Claims for snow clearing damages that occurred beyond **(5a)** must be submitted in writing to the Council Office within fourteen (**14**) days of the damage occurring, otherwise the claim will not be honoured. (**Verbal Claims Not Accepted**). Claims must include the following information:

- Date and time incident occurred including damage details and contact information.
- Type of equipment claimed to cause damage, ex: Backhoe, Loader, or Pickup Truck.
- If possible, pictures of the property before & after damage occurred.

6. Church Parking Lots will be cleared if time permits. Council will **not** be responsible for damage done to property while clearing snow from premises.

7. The snow plow or any other snow-clearing equipment ***WILL NOT*** operate during severe snowstorms.

8. ***In The Event Of An EMERGENCY After Working Hours Please Call:*** **596-3783** or **438-6513** Calls Will Be Forwarded To Appropriate Personnel. Town snow clearing staff will assist dispatched emergency vehicles to ensure safe and reliable access in the event of heavy snowfall.

PLEASE NOTE**: The Town of Victoria will not accept responsibility for frozen water/sewer service lines. Property Owners MUST take all necessary precautions to prevent their lines from freezing.**

Signed: ***Council, for the Town of Victoria***