



SNOW CLEARING AND ICE CONTROL POLICY

1. **Snow Clearing Period:** Effective from December 1st, 2021, to March 31, 2022, 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. The Town of Victoria will **Not Take Responsibility** for damages caused to, including but not limited to: buildings, fences, garbage boxes, trees, shrubs, hedges, lawns, driveways, pavement, or any other public/personal property located or extended within the town’s road reservation during routine snow clearing and/or ice control operations. Property owners should take all necessary precautions to prevent property damages by moving any personal property a reasonable distance inside their boundary lines.
- 5b. The Town of Victoria will **Not Take Responsibility** for damage/s caused by the weight of the snow/ice deposited on public/personal property during regular routine snow clearing and/or ice control operations, including but not limited to: lawn browning, road gravel, sod/grass, buildings, fences, garbage boxes, trees, shrubs, hedges, lawns, driveways, pavement, etc. Property owners should take all necessary precautions to prevent property damages by moving any personal property a reasonable distance inside their boundary lines.
- 5c. Claims for snow clearing damages that occurred beyond (5a/b) 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 **WILL NOT** operate during severe snowstorms.
8. **In The Event Of An EMERGENCY After Working Hours Please Call: 596-3783 or 596-1328** 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: *Shelly Butt, Town Clerk/Manager*