



TOWN OF LUMSDEN POLICY

Title: **Snow Removal**
Effective: June 9, 2015
Amended: April 8, 2025 (res# 2025-116)

Purpose:

To determine priorities and establish consistent procedures for snow removal on roadways and sidewalks in the municipality

Scope:

This policy shall apply to the Public Works Department responsible for snow removal on municipal roads and some sidewalks, as well as home and business owners who are responsible for snow removal on sidewalks adjacent to their land.

Policy:

The Town of Lumsden snow removal plan will consist of five areas and three phases:

Areas:

Area 1: South of Qu'Appelle Drive

Area 2: -From Qu'Appelle Drive north to the river (with the exception of James Street from Second Avenue to Sixth Avenue),
-Third Avenue from James Street to Colbourne Street,
-Second Avenue from River Street to Colbourne Street.

Area 3: North of the Qu'Appelle River.

Area 4: -James Street North from Second Avenue to Eighth Avenue,
-Second Avenue from Colbourne Street to River Street,
-Third Avenue from Colbourne Street to James Street North,
- Fourth Avenue from Lake Street to James Street North,
-Broad Street.

Area 5: Back lanes and sidewalks.

Phases:

Phase 1: Snow removal will begin in Area 1, then move to Area 2 and Area 3.

Phase 2: Snow removal in Area 4 will be done between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m., Because of the traffic volume in this area. In the event of a heavy snow fall, snow will be windrowed to the center of the street to keep traffic moving during business hours. Snow in phase two is completely removed from the street by loading and hauling.

Phase 3: Area 5 snow removal will be completed when equipment becomes available.

EQUIPMENT & PROCEDURE

Snow removal will commence after the town has received 10 cm or more of snow, and it is no longer snowing. In the event of a heavy snow fall, clearing of streets will be completed during the storm to keep roads passable. The Public Works Department may also decide to remove snow in the event of a series of small snow falls, and areas that become drifted in.

The majority of snow-covered roads will be cleared using a truck mounted plow followed by a grader.

The Town will not remove snow in front of any private residences for the purpose of on-street parking.

If snow is piled onto sidewalks during the snow removal process on municipal roads, the municipality will return and clear the sidewalk.

The Town will endeavour to facilitate spring drainage in areas that have been identified as problematic.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF PROPERTY OWNERS

Windrows left through driveway approaches during the snow removal process are the homeowner's responsibility to remove. The clearing of municipal roads in a timely manner is a priority of the Public Works Department. The clearing of driveway approaches by the grader may only be done as time permits.

Property owners are expected to remove snow from any adjacent sidewalks within 24 hours.

SANDING STREETS

Sanding of hills, bus routes and the remainder of Town will be done after:

- Freezing rain
- Light snow if streets become slippery
- Streets become polished

Sanding will be done after snow removal has been completed in areas of town. The sanding of sidewalks will be done as necessary.

LOADING/HAULING SNOW

Snow will be hauled when necessary to keep piles at a manageable height or completely removed.

Piles of snow are loaded and hauled from:

1. back of curling rink
2. back of hockey rink
3. parking lot of the hockey rink
4. grader windrows left on 5th Ave, 2nd Ave, and James St from Qu'Appelle Dr to Peter Ave
5. any snow to reduce the amount of run off from within the town
6. north side of Fourth Avenue & Broad Street, from Second Avenue to Fifth Avenue
7. all residential bays.

SIDEWALK CLEARING

The Town will commence snow removal from sidewalks adjacent to municipal facilities after 10 cm or more of snow has accumulated and snow removal on municipal roads is complete.