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Purpose

Snow clearing on City sidewalks.

Policy Statement

*Please note: City of St. John's snow clearing policies are currently under review and revision. For current information on snow clearing practices please visit [Snow Clearing - City of St Johns](#)

1. Sidewalk snow clearing will be carried out only in areas fronting schools, seniors complexes and City-owned facilities, and along designated major arterial streets.
2. Clearing of larger accumulations of snow will be by means of plowing, blowing, and/or loading and removal, as may be deemed adequate and effective.
3. There will be no attempt to keep sidewalks continuously clear during a snow fall. There may be periodic clearing of areas of high pedestrian traffic volumes in preparation for peak periods, but generally sidewalks will not be cleared until no further accumulations are immediately forthcoming, either from additional snow fall or from street clearing operations.
4. Equipment dedicated specifically to sidewalk snow clearing, and not usable in any higher-priority street clearing, will begin work immediately upon the above conditions being met. Equipment suitable for clearing of streets will be re-assigned to sidewalk snow clearing only after all streets are fully cleared.
5. Other provisions of this policy notwithstanding, sidewalks may be cleared in areas other than those stipulated, or with a frequency of priority higher than specified, if such clearing is done incidentally, as a part of normal street snow clearing. For example, in areas without curb line obstructions, it may be advisable to blade snow banks back behind the sidewalks to allow room for further accumulations later in the year. No such action will be taken as a commitment on the part of the City to keep that area clear in the future, unless it is specifically designated for snow clearing.

Application

Responsibilities

Department of Public Works and Parks.

Definition

References/Appendix

Monitoring and Contravention

Approvals

Department of Engineering and Works Policy Manual Item 3113. Approved by Director of Engineering and Works, November 14, 1990. Never formally approved by Council. Finance and Administration Standing Committee report - May 13, 2003; Regular Meeting of Council - May 20, 2003.

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