



## **Rural Municipality of North Qu'Appelle No. 187 Snow Removal Policy**

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### **Topic: SNOW REMOVAL IN THE MUNICIPALITY**

#### **1.0 Mission Statement**

The Council of the Rural Municipality of North Qu'Appelle No. 187 will provide snow removal services at its discretion, to the best of its ability, and with the resources available. This service will be provided on access routes to all occupied residences and on designated higher traffic routes within the municipality.

#### **2.0 Scope of Service Provided**

- (a) Snow will be removed only on public roads within the municipality, following routes approved by Council. These routes will be reviewed periodically, and snow removal will be performed with equipment owned and operated by the R.M. of North Qu'Appelle No. 187.
- (b) Snow removal will be performed at the discretion of Council, the Public Works Committee, the public works foreman, and the staff, with the level of service determined based on available resources.
- (c) Council may offer snow removal on roads or road allowances not identified as access routes to occupied residences or designated higher traffic routes. This service may be provided on a custom work basis if requested, and if the public works foreman determines there is the capacity to perform the work.
- (d) For residences that can be accessed by two or more routes, Council reserves the right to provide snow removal on only one access route. This determination will be made by the public works staff and the Public Works Committee.
- (e) This policy also applies to school bus routes; snow removal will be provided only on the route designated by Council.
- (f) Council makes no guarantees regarding the level of service provided, including the timeline, routes traveled, or the amount of snow removed from roads.

#### **3.0 Right of Council to Alter or Terminate Snow Removal Service**

Council retains the right to alter or discontinue snow removal service under certain circumstances, including:

- (a) Terminating service to specific residences if conditions or issues with the property owner or occupant warrant such action.
- (b) Increasing service during severe conditions by hiring additional equipment or contractors.
- (c) Expanding service to other roads not originally identified for snow removal.
- (d) Suspending service due to external factors, such as extreme weather conditions.
- (e) Terminating snow removal service entirely.



#### **4.0 Method of Service Provision**

The following methods will be used to provide snow removal service where practical:

- (a) Main transportation routes, access routes to occupied farm sites, and school bus routes, as approved by Council, will receive priority for snow removal.
- (b) Snow removal may be delayed following a winter storm or due to other factors, as per Section 2(b).
- (c) If the combined air temperature and wind chill reach  $-30^{\circ}\text{C}$  or lower, or if blizzard conditions occur, snow removal may be temporarily suspended at the discretion of the Public Works Foreman, until conditions improve.

#### **5.0 Snow Removal by Private Operators**

Private individuals, businesses, snow plow clubs, community associations, or others (collectively referred to as "snow removers") may voluntarily remove snow from public roads under the following conditions:

- (a) Snow removers must ensure their vehicles are equipped with amber beacons that are visible from at least 125 meters on a clear night, as required by The Traffic Safety Act and The Vehicle Equipment Regulations, 1987.
- (b) It is recommended that snow removers carry a slow-moving vehicle warning device and operate with hazard warning lamps when traveling at speeds of 40 km/h or less.
- (c) No payment will be provided by Council for voluntary snow removal unless Council specifically contracts the snow remover to perform the service.

#### **6.0 Snow Removal for Lanes, Yard Sites, or Private Property**

- (a) Snow removal on private lanes or yard sites will be performed at the discretion of the public works foreman, based on available resources.
- (b) Requests for snow removal on private property must be submitted in writing in accordance with the Custom Work Policy.
- (c) The municipality does not guarantee the level of service, including timelines, routes, or the amount of snow removed from private properties.
- (d) The municipality will not be liable for any damages arising from the requested service outlined in Section 6.0(b).

#### **7.0 Property Owner Responsibility for Snow Removal**

- (a) Property owners are responsible for keeping snow cleared from their own driveways, walkways, and any other areas that may pose a hazard to public safety.
- (b) Property owners must ensure that snow from their property does not obstruct public roads, pathways, or drainage systems. Snow that is removed from private property should not be deposited on public roadways or easements.