

# TOWN OF COLLINGWOOD

## CORPORATE POLICY

<b>POLICY:</b> <i>Snow Removal Level of Service Roadways and Sidewalks</i>	<b>COUNCIL APPROVAL</b> <b>DATE: January 30, 2023</b> <b>RES. NO.: 02-2023</b>
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### **PURPOSE/DEFINITION:**

The purpose of this Snow Removal Level of Service is to define the level of service expected to be achieved for assumed municipal roadways and boulevards during winter operations.

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### **POLICY STATEMENT/GUIDELINES:**

The Snow Removal Policy and Maintenance Standard is considered to be a baseline only. It is acknowledged that various conditions may occur to temporarily prevent the achievement of this level of service and that the Public Works department must work within available resources such as funds, equipment, and manpower. Also, the varying weather conditions may have a major effect on the desired level of service relating to snow removal as it is acknowledged that this type of operation is secondary to core winter activities.

#### **Snow Removal General:**

As a result of winter weather conditions and winter operations as such snow plowing and sidewalk snow plowing, snow accumulates at the side of the roads and in boulevard areas where sidewalks are present. In specific situations, the Town will commence snow removal operations when snow accumulations reach volumes that creates possible hazard or nuisance to pedestrians and motorists, and/or is necessary to create or maintain capacity for subsequent snowfalls and storage.

Snow removal will be considered a secondary winter operation and will be facilitated only when winter operations and resources are available for such works. These works may involve the use of in-house or contracted resources, or a combination of both.

All snow which is removed will be transported and stored in approved Town snow disposal site.

### **Snow Removal – Town Business Districts**

The Town of Collingwood acknowledges the important roles played by the Downtown Business area and that this area may require an increased level of service in relation to snow removal.

For the purpose of this policy, the Downtown area will be comprised of the following road sections where the boulevard area separates the sidewalk from road/parking lanes;

Hurontario St	First St to Fifth St
Ste Marie St	Hume St to Huron St
Simcoe/Second St	Ste Marie St to Pine St
Ontario/Third St	Ste Marie St to Pine St
Fourth St	Ste Marie St to Pine St
Hume St	Hurontario St to Pretty River Parkway

Accumulated snow shall be removed from Downtown when a significant amount is present creating a hazard and where access is required for pedestrians to traverse between parking stalls and parking meter locations.

### **Snow Removal – Intersections**

When, at the discretion of Manager, Public Works, significant snow accumulation has occurred and is present at intersection locations which pose a safety risk to motorists by impeding visibility or sight lines, Public Works will commence snow removal or lowering activities.

### **Snow Removal – Cul de sacs**

When, at the discretion of Manager, Public Works, significant snow accumulation has occurred and is present within cul-de-sac locations which pose a safety risk to motorists by impeding visibility or preventing further storage, Public Works will commence snow removal activities.

### **Snow Removal – Bridge Decks, etc.**

Accumulated snow shall be removed, at the discretion of Manager, Public Works, from bridge decks and bridge approaches as required to achieve and maintain adequate driving lane widths, provide clear sidewalk areas to prevent snow from falling off bridge decks and to maintain storage area for subsequent snow falls and operations.

### **Snow Disposal**

Snow which is removed through the above noted operations will be deposited and stored at a Town approved snow storage location, being the Public Works Operations Centre located at 545 Tenth Line North.

It should be noted that only snow generated from Town operations will be allowed to be deposited at this site.

As the snow deposited at this location contains debris, garbage and other foreign

materials, a spring cleanup will be completed were required by means of sweeping, garbage pick-up or other like activities once the snow has melted allowing these operations to take place.