

## SNOW REMOVAL BYLAW

### TOWN OF BIENFAIT

#### BYLAW NO. 2 (2023)

### A BYLAW TO REGULATE SNOW REMOVAL FROM STREETS AND SIDEWALKS

The Council of the Town of Bienfait in the Province of Saskatchewan enacts as follows:

1. During a Winter Storm Event

During a storm event, snow clearing operations will be limited to ensuring emergency vehicles such as Ambulance and Fire can respond to emergency calls. Very minimal snow clearing or other winter maintenance will be conducted at this time and in the event of limited or near zero visibility, all operations will cease until conditions improve to safeguard both the public and town employees.

2. Priority Streets

As per Appendix A, these roads will have snow removal completed first; as soon as possible after the abatement of a major storm event. Every effort will be made to maintain priority routes as close to pavement as practical. If, as the winter progresses, windrows become too large or extend into driving lanes, a windrow removal operation may be scheduled. Typically, this would only be required after repeated heavy snowfalls.

3. Snow Removal Operators

Road graders and loaders are equipped with a retractable wing which is lowered to pull snow past residential driveways to avoid heavy windrows blocking access. It is unavoidable that some snow will trickle off the edge of this wing, especially in heavy snow conditions. This is considered acceptable, and our procedures dictate that operators will not return to clear this minor inconvenience regardless of complaints received. If it is apparent a driveway is missed completely the operator will be instructed to return and clear the windrow.

The plow or grader operator will make every effort to drop the wing blade to drag the snow through driveways reducing the edge ridges or windrows along the driveway approach. Normally these ridges do not prevent access and are the homeowner's responsibility to remove.

The town is not responsible for clearing ridges from driveways where residents have constructed multiple driveways.

4. Owners of Property

Sidewalks will be the discretion of the homeowner/business owner to maintain.

Owners of property shall be responsible for removal of snow, ice, dirt, debris or other obstructions from any sidewalk fronting or abutting their property, including private driveways.

To avoid a large accumulation of snow on the street, any snow removed off the town sidewalk, boulevard, or parking lane is to be placed on private property.

No person shall place any snow, ice, dirt or other obstruction, shoveled, swept or cleaned from private property onto any street, sidewalk or lane. In the event of any resident failing to comply with the deposit of snow on any public street, highway or alley, and any resident who contravenes this provision of the bylaw is guilty of an offense and shall be liable to a fine of \$250.00, and any charges that remain unpaid for December 31, may be added to and thereby form part of the taxes on the land or buildings with respect to which service was provided, as provided for by Section 369(1)(c) of *the Municipalities Act*.

5. Parked Vehicles

It is advised that residents avoid parking their vehicles on the streets during a snowstorm. It is the owner/occupant's responsibility to dig their vehicle out if it gets surrounded by windrows or snow ridges.

The town is not responsible for clearing the windrows away from vehicles that are parked in the streets during plough operations.

6. Salt and Sand on Streets

The Town of Bienfait will monitor streets and salt and sand as required. Streets will generally be cleared first, followed by an application of salt and sand on intersections.

7. General Provisions

The town will do its best to remove snow from town to designated snow pile areas.

In storms with excessive snow falls, snow removal may be removed from roads and placed on boulevards and sidewalks in urgency to clear the streets. These piles will not be priority for removal, regardless of complaints. It may be impractical to remove every snow pile and priorities will be devoted to areas of higher traffic volume.

8. Seniors Snow Removal List

The town shall remove snow from one laneway of a senior's residence, with the provisions that everyone residing at the property is minimum age of 65 years or older. There is an application to be filled out and approved at a regular meeting of Council prior to any snow removal taking place. This is a service of no cost provided to seniors who reside in the town, and snow removal shall take place in order of removal of Appendix A.

Under special circumstances, Council has the authority to approve applications that do not fall under the minimum age requirement.

9. Coming Into Force

This bylaw shall come into force on January 11, 2023.



Read a third time and adopted  
this 11<sup>th</sup> day of January 2023

  
Administrator

  
Mayor

  
Administrator