

Snow-clearing Policy

1.0 Policy Statement

The City of Mount Pearl will clear City streets of snow and ice as required according to the following system.

2.0 Background

The City of Mount Pearl has a proud history of maintaining a high level of snow-clearing service.

3.0 Procedure

Overall System

1. The City is divided into 16 snow clearing routes. Snow-clearing equipment operators are assigned to routes and machines assigned to operators for snow clearing.
2. The City is divided into 5 salting/sanding routes. Salting machines are assigned to routes and each truck is dispatched on a pre-determined assignment.
3. A foreperson oversees the on-street operation.

Service will be provided on the following priority basis:

- Medical and life threatening situations attended to;
- Streets free of snow;
- Salting completed / black streets;
- Public buildings and parking lots free of snow and accessible;
- Sidewalks cleared;
- Entrance to tunnels cleared;
- Snow removed from hydrants; and
- Snow removal from cul-de-sacs.

Weather Condition Procedures

A. Condition I – Salting

The City is to be completed in 2 ½ hours, with five trucks dispatched whenever possible.

B. Condition II – Light Snow and Salting

When there is approximately 1 ½ inches of snow on the ground: Salting as per Condition 1 above and the deployment of plows.


The job will not be considered finished until the streets have been fully widened to the curb and areas that have sidewalks (that can be plowed by the wing blade) are cleared.

C. Heavy Snow and Salting

All conditions as outlined above in section A & B. Wherever possible, the changing of operators will occur after 12 – 14 hours with a maximum of 16 hours during emergency conditions.

Important Note: Equipment is never pulled off the road during a snowstorm. It will continue to operate even during very poor visibility conditions. Extreme caution and a slower speed must be used during these periods.

4.0 Approvals



Steve Kent, Chief Administrative Officer
April 18, 2018

Date