



WINTER SNOW CLEARING

The District of Stewart Public Works team works diligently, with long days and early starts, to keep ahead of the snowfall, ensuring the community routes are traversable and safe for vehicles and pedestrians.

The 334.4 CM (11 feet) of snowfall received poses challenges that are to be expected, but along the way the Public Works Team also encounters unanticipated challenges. The District is requesting the assistance of the community to overcome these challenges by adhering to the following requirements.

SNOW CLEARING PRIORITIES & CRITERIA

The District has classified roads based on their function, traffic volume, and importance to the welfare of the community.

First priority is given to high volume routes which connect major sections of the District and provide access for emergency services.

Windrows are created during the snow removal process. We recognize that these can create issues for residents, and we work as quickly and efficiently as possible to clear them.

The criteria for the decision to commence snow removal are:

- Snow accumulation of 10 cm or more;
- Drifting of snow that causes problems for travel;
- Icy conditions which seriously effect travel and pedestrians
- Time of snowfall in relationship to heavy use of streets.

SNOW REMOVAL FROM PERSONAL PROPERTY

Per Bylaw 959, 2019 Clearing Snow into the roadway is prohibited.

The snowplow operators must clear the traveled portion of the road to maintain safe travel routes and accessibility for vehicles. Pushing snow onto the road can create hazards, block lanes, and cause accidents. It can also impact drainage systems, potentially causing flooding.

VEHICLE PARKING & PROPERTY STORAGE

As per Bylaw 995-2022, and 959-2019 parking on roads that may restrict snow clearing is prohibited.

Overnight parking on 5th Avenue, and all DOS roadways is prohibited, as per Traffic Bylaw 995, 2022, Part IV, 3 (r).

Vehicles and/or personal property that are stored on roads or easements and impede snow clearing can result in fines.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE DISTRICT & BUSINESS OWNERS

As per Bylaw 959-2019, the District Public Works Department will initially clear the sidewalks upon accumulation of 10cm of snow, each morning.

After such time, it is the requirement of business and apartment owners to clean any snow or ice from sidewalks/footpaths adjacent to such premises upon the accumulation of no more than 10cm of snow, as well as ensure application of salt/sand product that is not detrimental to any cement/concrete surfaces, throughout the remainder of each day, between the hours of 8:00am and 8:00pm.

Business premises adjacent to a highway are required to remove from any roof, awning, marquee, projection or cornice of the premises, all ice, icicles or snow which may fall and cause personal injury or property damage.

*If you have any questions or concerns regarding snow and ice removal, please contact the District of Stewart Municipal Office (705 Brightwell Street) - **directly at (250) 636-2251.***

This ensures all matters are addressed as efficiently and effectively as possible, and Public Works Staff are able to perform their jobs without interference.