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Policy Statement:

As the local road authority, Yellowhead County will maintain municipal roads in a safe and passable condition. Snow and ice services are not intended to eliminate all hazardous conditions at all times but rather intended to assist vehicles which are properly equipped for winter driving and being operated in a manner consistent with good winter driving practices.

Purpose:

During inclement weather, there will be situations when the immediate demand for snow and ice control services will exceed available resources, and to maximize the benefits of operations, snow and ice control forces shall conduct operations according to approved priorities.

Council Principles

- 1) Generally, snow and ice control will be carried out based on the following order of priorities;

Graders:

1. Gravel collector roads
2. Gravel local roads
3. Hamlets
4. Fire hall accesses
5. Approaches to private driveways
6. Community facilities (halls/arenas)

Plow Trucks:

1. Paved collector roads
2. Paved local roads/subdivisions
3. Hamlets



- 2) Grader snow removal operations will occur at the conclusion of a storm event or sooner if snow accumulations reach 10-15 cm on the roadway, or if drifting conditions prevail.
- 3) Plow truck snow removal operations should commence before snow becomes packed by traffic, or when snow accumulations exceed 3 cm.
- 4) The County will clear snow from all municipal roads in four days after the conclusion of a storm event.
- 5) As part of regular snow plowing operations, plows will inevitably leave windrows across approaches into private properties. Although operators will try to mitigate the size of the windrows whenever possible, Yellowhead County will only remove the windrows or plow the approaches as time and equipment permit.
- 6) Claims will not be considered by the County for property damage to vegetation on private property or to vehicles on County roads as a result of snow coming off the plow blade or sanding materials spread by the equipment during snow plowing or sanding operations.

Management Guidelines

- 1) Management guidelines for winter maintenance are established in the "Infrastructure Services Maintenance Guidelines" document.

Mayor Gerald Soroka

February 14, 2012
Date