

## Snow and Ice Control Update – February 13, 2025

Town of Ponoka snow and ice control crews are continuing to sand and clear snow from Town roadways throughout the community this week where needed. Crews are also sanding and clearing snow from sidewalks adjacent to Town-owned properties and on walking trails in Town parks and throughout the trail system this week.

Please note, residential snow removal is temporarily paused this week due to equipment maintenance and is expected to resume next week (weather dependent).

## How to Report an Icy Intersection or Sidewalk

To report an icy intersection, sidewalk or back alley, please submit an online service request by visiting Ponoka.ca/p/online-service-request. You can also phone 403-783-4431 where Town staff can help fill out the online form for you.

Please note that winter roads are always more slippery in frigid temperatures of -15 C and below.

The Town applies a sand mixture to winter roads to give drivers added traction. That sand mixture contains three per cent salt to keep the sand from clumping and to provide some initial melting to ensure the sand stays in place on the road. However, at temperatures below -15 C, salt loses its effectiveness.

While the sand does still offer some benefit at -15 C and below, drivers are urged to slow down and drive for the conditions.

To learn more about sanding operations, please visit the Town of Ponoka website at https://www.ponoka.ca/p/snow-ice-control-program and click on 'Sanding Roadways.'