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## Town of Ponoka Snow and Ice Control Update – November 23, 2022

### **Snow and Ice Removal in Residential Zones is Underway this Week**

*(November 23, 2022 – Ponoka, Alberta)* Town of Ponoka snow and ice control crews are busy today (November 23) sanding and salting roadways throughout the community. Snow and ice removal is also underway today on residential roadways in Zone 4 (Riverside) in the Town of Ponoka.

Snow clearing in residential zones is conducted on a rotational basis. This winter, residential snow clearing is beginning in Zone 4 – Riverside. To see the Snow Removal Zone Map, please visit [www.ponoka.ca/p/snow-ice-control-program](http://www.ponoka.ca/p/snow-ice-control-program).

The residential snow removal schedule is dependent on environmental conditions. New weather events can require crews to redirect attention back to Priority 1 and 2 Routes, which include high-volume roads, such as emergency, school bus and connector routes.

### **Please Watch for ‘No Parking’ Signs and Move Parked Vehicles**

Please watch for ‘no parking’ signs and move parked vehicles from roadways on which ‘no parking’ signage is posted. Moving parked vehicles from roadways allows crews to conduct snow and ice control operations safely and more efficiently.

Removing your parked vehicle from roadways on which ‘no parking’ signage is posted in advance of snow and ice control operations is also a requirement under the Town’s Traffic Bylaw 388-17 and may result in fines and towing of the vehicle at the owner’s expense if needed.

Motorists are asked to please take an alternate route to avoid snow and ice control equipment where possible.

### **Online Service Requests**

To report an icy or snow-covered intersection, back alley, or sidewalk that may need attention, please submit an online request by visiting [www.ponoka.ca](http://www.ponoka.ca). Scroll down and click on ‘File an Online Service Request,’ or you can phone the Town Office at 403-783-4431 where Town staff can help fill out the online form for you.

Please note that Town winter operations crews work in conjunction with the Alberta Ministry of Transportation, which is responsible for snow and ice control on Highways 2A and 53 in Ponoka.

### **Please Clear Snow and Ice from Sidewalks Bordering Your Property**

Ponoka citizens are reminded to please help keep our community safe by ensuring sidewalks that border your property are clear of snow and ice.



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By keeping sidewalks clear of snow and ice, you are helping protect the safety and well-being of your neighbours and fellow citizens in Ponoka.

Clearing sidewalks that border your property within 48 hours after the snow or ice has been deposited is a requirement under the Town of Ponoka Community Standards Bylaw #384-17 and can result in fines when necessary.

When shovelling, residents are asked to please only deposit snow and ice onto your own property – not the roadway or someone else’s property. This is also a requirement under the Bylaw. Shovelling snow onto your own property is also good for your grass when the snow melts in the spring.

### **Snow Removal and Ice Control Policy**

Town of Ponoka Snow and Ice Control operations are based on the Town’s Snow and Ice Control Policy which can be viewed on the Town website at [www.ponoka.ca/p/snow-ice-control-program](http://www.ponoka.ca/p/snow-ice-control-program).

To see the Town’s Priority Routes Map, please visit <https://www.ponoka.ca/Home/DownloadDocument?docId=f50f90ce-c0dd-4a94-b5ec-cb2583f905c0>

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