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Town of Ponoka Snow and Ice Control Operations Are Underway with the Arrival of Winter Conditions

(October 23, 2023 – Ponoka, Alberta) – With the arrival of winter weather conditions, Town of Ponoka crews are busy conducting ice control and sanding and salting Priority 1 and 2 routes.

Crews are also salting, sanding and clearing snow from sidewalks adjacent to Town-owned properties, as well as on walking trails and park furniture (benches, picnic tables, etc.) in Town parks and throughout the trail system.

Motorists are encouraged to slow down and drive for winter conditions. 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. 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, including the section of sidewalk in front of your driveway are clear of snow and ice.

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.

Snow Removal and Ice Control Policy

Town of Ponoka snow and ice control operations are conducted according to the Town's Snow Removal and Ice Control Policy to improve safety for motorists and pedestrians and to support the operation of emergency services. The Snow and Ice Control Policy can be viewed on the Town website at www.ponoka.ca/p/snow-ice-control-program.

Snow and ice control operations are conducted within the Town's annual snow removal budget which is based on average winter snowfall conditions over the past 10 years and is approved by Town Council.



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