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

*(November 2, 2022– 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 intersection, back alley, or snow-covered 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 also 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**

With the return of winter conditions, Ponoka citizens are also reminded to once again please help keep our community safe by ensuring sidewalks that border your property are clear of snow and ice. By keeping the sidewalks adjacent to your property clear of snow and ice, you are protecting the safety and well-being of your neighbours and fellow citizens in Ponoka.

When shovelling, residents are asked to please avoid depositing snow and ice onto the roadway and properties other than your own. Shovelling snow onto your own property is not only good for your grass when it melts in the spring, it is also a requirement under the Town of Ponoka Community Standards Bylaw #384-17. Keeping sidewalks that border your property clear of snow and ice is also a requirement under the Bylaw and can result in fines when necessary.

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 Town's 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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### **Snow Removal and Ice Control Policy**

To view the Town of Ponoka Snow and Ice Control Policy, please visit the Town website at [www.ponoka.ca](http://www.ponoka.ca). Just click 'Town Services' on the top menu bar, then click 'Roads' on the drop-down menu, and then 'Snow and Ice Control Program.'

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