



Town of Ponoka Snow Removal & Ice Control Update – February 12, 2021

(February 12, 2021 – Ponoka, Alberta) – Town of Ponoka snow and ice control crews have been busy clearing snow from primary and secondary priority routes this week, as well as sanding and salting Town roadways throughout the community.

Crews are also busy clearing sidewalks adjacent to Town-owned properties, and clearing snow on walking trails and site furniture (benches, picnic tables, etc.) in Town parks and throughout the trail system. Clearing snow from the Downtown Skating Plaza, Centennial Park ice skating trail and the Outdoor Rink at the Ponoka Arena Complex is also ongoing so that citizens can fully enjoy Ponoka's many outdoor recreation facilities.

To report an icy intersection, back alley, or snow-covered sidewalk that may need attention, please submit an online request on the Town website at www.ponoka.ca. Just click the E-service button under 'Online Service Request' and fill out the form. You can also phone the Town Office at 403-783-4431 where Town staff can help fill out the online form for you.

Citizens Asked to Clear Snow and Ice from Sidewalks Bordering Their Property

The Town would like to thank Ponoka citizens who have been working hard this winter to keep sidewalks that border their property clear of snow and ice. As the COVID-19 pandemic continues, more and more people are getting exercise by going for walks in neighbourhoods throughout Ponoka. 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 #387-17. Keeping sidewalks that border your property clear of snow and ice is also a requirement under the Bylaw and can result in warnings and fines when necessary.



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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 facilitate 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.

Snow Removal and Ice Control Policy

To view the Town of Ponoka Snow Removal and Ice Control Policy and the Priority Routes map, please visit the Town website at www.ponoka.ca. Just click 'Community' on the top menu bar, then click 'Seasonal Information' on the side menu and scroll down the page to 'Snow and Ice Control'.

Priority routes are designated based on the following criteria:

- Emergency services routes;
- School bus routes;
- Traffic volume (pedestrians and vehicles);
- Road classification; and
- Special conditions (roadway geometry and terrain, drift exposure, drainage, etc.)

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.

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