



Town of Ponoka Snow Removal & Ice Control Update – March 3, 2021

(March 3, 2021 – Ponoka, Alberta) – Town of Ponoka snow and ice control crews plan to conduct snow removal operations on residential roadways this week and next week in Lucas Heights (Zone 1) and Riverside (Zone 4). Crews will be focusing only on roadways where snow removal is needed to facilitate drainage during the spring thaw. Once snow removal is completed in these neighbourhoods, crews will begin snow removal on residential roadways as needed in the Central Zone (Zone 3) and North End (Zone 2) – see Zones Map.

Temporary Parking Bans

Temporary parking bans will be implemented with ‘No Parking – Snow Removal’ signs being placed along residential roadways the day prior to snow removal operations beginning on affected streets. Citizens in these neighbourhoods are asked to watch for the ‘No Parking’ signs and to please move parked cars from the roadway during the temporary parking bans. Moving parked cars allows for more effective and efficient snow removal, and saves time and money on snow clearing operations.

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

Crews strive to conduct snow removal on affected streets on days when curbside collection of garbage and compost is not scheduled. Town crews also try to minimize the amount of snow placed in driveways during the plowing of residential streets, however residents may on occasion be required to clear access to their driveways.

Salting and Sanding Roadways

Town crews are also continuing to salt and sand roadways as needed. To report an icy intersection, alleyway or sidewalk that may need attention, please contact the Town at 403-783-4431 or submit an Online Service Request on the Town website at www.ponoka.ca. Just click the E-Service button under ‘Online Service Request’ on the home page and fill out the form. It’s fast and easy!

Thanks to Residents for Helping Keep Sidewalks Clear of Snow and Ice

The Town would like to thank all Ponoka residents who have been working hard to keep sidewalks that border their property clear of snow and ice this winter. By keeping the sidewalks adjacent to your property clear of snow and ice, you are helping to protect the safety and well-being of your neighbours and fellow citizens in



Ponoka. Keeping sidewalks clear of snow and ice is also a requirement under the Town of Ponoka Community Standards Bylaw #387-17, which can result in warnings and fines when necessary. When shovelling, residents are asked to please avoid depositing snow and ice onto the roadway and properties other than their own. This is also a requirement under Town Bylaws.

Town Snow and Ice Control 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.

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 kept 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.

To view the Town of Ponoka Snow Removal and Ice Control Policy, the Snow Removal Zone Map, and the Town's 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'.

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