
REPORT TO COUNCIL

DATE: November 27, 2017 **REPORT NO.:** 17-184

SUBMITTED BY: Kevin Henderson **FILE NO.:** 1-6-0
General Manager of Development Services

SUBJECT: Snow Plowing and Removal Priority Policy Update

PURPOSE

To request Council approval of the following changes to the Snow Plowing Priority Map:

1. Change 110th Avenue, from 17th Street to Turgeon Drive, from a Priority #5 to Priority #3.
2. Add 19th Street, from the end to 110th Avenue, and the lane East of 19th Street and Southwest of 110th Avenue as Priority #5.
3. Change 20th Street, from 108th Avenue to 110th Avenue, and 110th Avenue, from 20th Street to 19th Street, from a Priority #5 to Priority #3.
4. Add 14th Street, from Alaska Avenue to 102nd Avenue, as Priority #3.
5. Add 19th Street, from 90th Avenue from 89th Avenue, and 89th Avenue, from 19th Street to 17th Street, as Priority #3.
6. Change 91st Avenue, from 10th Street to 8th Street, from a Priority #5 to Priority #3.

SUMMARY/BACKGROUND

In the above list of proposed changes, items 1, 3, 4, 5 and 6 are proposed to be changed or added to the Snow Plowing Priority Map as Priority #3 (Bus Routes & Associated Streets). This is to match the current BC Transit bus routes. The routes have been adjusted in the past and our Snow Plowing Priority Map has not been updated to accommodate these route changes (see attached map).

Item 2 is proposed to be added on the Snow Plowing Priority Map as Priority #5 (Schools, Remaining Downtown & Major Routes) as it is adjacent to Canalta Elementary School.

Due to the Service Performance Check-In completed by BC Transit earlier this year, there will be adjustments to the transit routes in the Summer of 2018. Another update to the Snow Plowing Priority Map will be required after the changes take place.

ALTERNATIVES

1. Council could choose to approve all the above proposed changes.
2. Council could choose not to approve all the above proposed changes.
3. Council could choose to approve a combination of the above proposed changes.

IMPLICATIONS

- (1) Social** The City of Dawson Creek’s Public Works Department along with contracted equipment is able to clean the entire City in approximately one week after receiving the trigger amount of 18cm of snow in a single event.
- (2) Environmental** The City follows a Salt Management Plan for snow that is removed and stockpiled.
- (3) Personnel** The City’s Public Works Department ensures that Council’s priorities, as identified in the policy, are met.
- (4) Financial** Minimal financial impact to these changes
- (5) Risk Assessment** Compliance: Snow Plowing and Removal Policy, Salt Management Plan.

Risk Impact: Medium. An inadequate snow plowing and removal process may create unnecessary risk for pedestrians and motorists.

Internal Control Process: The Roads and Grounds Manager will ensure that Council’s priorities are followed in alignment with their Snow Plowing and Removal Policy.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

We will have a reputation for acting with integrity and will earn the trust of our stakeholders by pledging to align our actions with the guiding principles that support our vision.

We will nurture engagement in a collective sense of belonging and contribution by optimizing transportation and movement around the City.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

Council’s 2017 Strategic Plan identifies Quality, Sustainable Infrastructure, Community Development and Quality of Life as focus areas.

IMPLEMENTATION/COMMUNICATION

If approved, staff will amend the Snow Plowing Priority Map attached to Council’s policy and post the policy for the required thirty day comment period.

RECOMMENDATION

That Report No. 17-184 from the General Manager of Infrastructure re: Snow Plowing and Removal Priority Policy be received; further, that the Snow Plowing Priority Map be replaced with the map attached to this report; further, that the revised policy be approved subject to the thirty day public notice period.

Respectfully submitted,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY

Kevin Henderson
General Manager of Development Services

APPROVED FOR AGENDA BY CAO

Attachment: Road Priority Snow Plowing Map

