

SNOW PLOWING AND REMOVAL

1. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to:

- a) Provide guidance to staff and inform the public as to priorities when it comes to snow plowing and removal.

2. Policy

- a) Snow plowing will be completed on a priority basis as per *Schedule A – Road Priority Snow Plowing*:
 - i. In larger snow events, revisiting higher priority areas may be necessary prior to attending lesser priority areas. The least priority areas as shown in *Schedule A – Road Priority Snow Plowing* are to be plowed a minimum of three (3) times per winter season; and
 - ii. The City's owned equipment (graders and loaders) will be double-shifted by City staff prior to hiring contract equipment and operators to assist with snow removal efforts. Only during extreme weather events, where conditions are exceeding the ability of internal City resources to keep operating conditions safe and accessible for vehicular and pedestrian traffic, will contract equipment be hired.
- b) During snowfall events in excess of 18 centimeters the City will take action to ensure all roads and all identified sidewalks are plowed within the shortest timeframe reasonably possible, generally targeting 5 to 6 days barring extreme winter conditions. Only those sidewalks that are identified in *Schedule B – Sidewalk Plowing Areas* are to be plowed by the City.
- c) Windrows of plowed snow in excess of 20 cm high will normally be removed from all property driveways in conjunction with the street plowing operation and during the same shift as the street is plowed. If a larger snow event exists and it is necessary to cover a maximum area in the shortest possible time, the clearing of the windrows may be delayed until satisfactory resources are available. Property driveways will not be cleared along the main corridors of Alaska Avenue, Highway 49 and 8th Street south of Alaska Avenue as these highway corridors are the responsibility of the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure.
- d) Roads will be kept cleared as close as possible to the bare road surface to reduce the hazards to vehicular and pedestrian traffic, as is reasonably possible considering winter conditions such as total accumulated snow volumes, periods between snowfalls and general weather conditions at the time.

- e) Snow removal within the downtown core will take place along Priority 4 of *Schedule A – Road Priority Snow Plowing*, and is budgeted for three (3) times per winter season. Snow removal operations involve utilizing the City’s owned snow blower and hiring contract trucks to haul removed snow to the City’s snow dump location. Snow removal is to be done on an as-needed basis depending on factors such as time of year, windrow sizing, potential drainage issues due to snowmelt or rain-on-snow events, severity of winter conditions, total accumulation of snow and the safety and accessibility of vehicular and pedestrian traffic within the downtown core.
- f) Outside of the Downtown Core the City may utilize the snowblower only as necessary to regain width from a road right of way in order to maintain a safe and accessible driving space between windrows.

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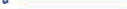

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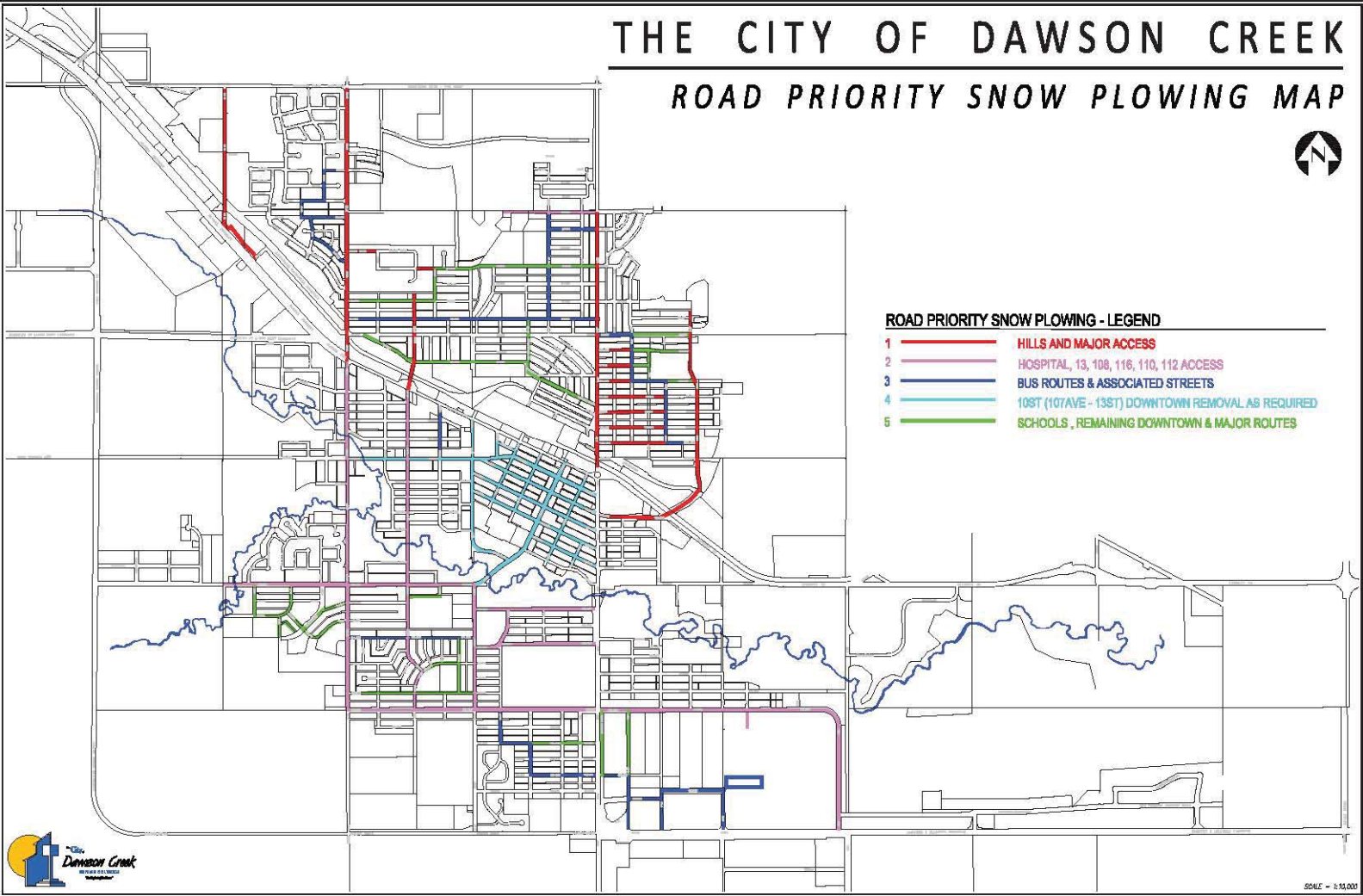
SCHEDULE "A"

THE CITY OF DAWSON CREEK ROAD PRIORITY SNOW PLOWING MAP



ROAD PRIORITY SNOW PLOWING - LEGEND

- 1  HILLS AND MAJOR ACCESS
- 2  HOSPITAL, 13, 108, 116, 110, 112 ACCESS
- 3  BUS ROUTES & ASSOCIATED STREETS
- 4  108T (107AVE - 138T) DOWNTOWN REMOVAL AS REQUIRED
- 5  SCHOOLS, REMAINING DOWNTOWN & MAJOR ROUTES



SCHEDULE "B"

THE CITY OF DAWSON CREEK SIDEWALK SNOW PLOWING



SIDEWALK SNOW PLOWING & SHOVELLING - LEGEND

-  SIDEWALKS - PLOWED - ROUTE 1 (15.7km)
-  SIDEWALKS - PLOWED - ROUTE 2 (11.8km)
-  SIDEWALKS - DOWNTOWN SHOVELLED
-  FACILITIES - SHOVELLED

