

## Public Works – Winter Operations

*Be a Snow Angel*

HELP A NEIGHBOUR  
THIS WINTER

Are you interested in volunteering your time this winter to assist a local Nelson resident who has mobility issues and difficulty shovelling their sidewalk? To learn more about the Snow Angel program or to register as a volunteer, please email [snowangel@nelson.ca](mailto:snowangel@nelson.ca).

### HOW CAN YOU HELP WITH OUR WINTER OPERATIONS?

If you follow these rules, it will allow the plows to clear to the curb which will allow for parking.

1. Whenever possible, use off street parking.
2. Odd/Even Rule: from Nov 1st to April 30th each year, vehicles must be parked on the odd-numbered side of the street on odd-numbered dates and be parked on the even-numbered side of the street on even-numbered dates within residential zones. Vehicles in contravention of these restrictions are subject to a \$60 fine.
3. In all areas of the City, it is required that you move your vehicle at least once every 72 hours to a parking area that has been plowed close to the curb.
4. If you are travelling away from Nelson for more than 48 hours, please make arrangements for the care of any vehicle parked on the street. This duty of care also applies to any vehicles parked on public property.
5. Do not plow snow from driveways onto the street. This can be very dangerous and can cause drivers to lose control of the vehicle.
6. Remove any objects from boulevard (planters, basketball hoops etc.).

Drive with extreme caution when approaching or passing snow clearing equipment – this will ensure that both City crews and commuters stay safe.



### SNOW CLEARING AND SANDING PRIORITIES

Our crews work hard to prepare and maintain 67 kms of roads for winter conditions in Nelson. To ensure your safety on snowy days, use emergency routes and bus routes.

To meet this goal, we prioritize snow clearing and sanding generally as follows:

#### ROADS - Clearing and Sanding:

1. Emergency routes (until the snow event ends)
2. Bus routes (until the snow event ends)
3. All streets that are considered major hills (and are not already cleared)
4. Cross-streets and any other streets that are not already cleared
5. Dead-end streets
6. Lanes and alleys

#### SIDEWALKS, STAIRS & ALLEYS:

- Clear and sand designated (\*) sidewalk routes and stairs.
- Clear residential bus stops and fire hydrants.
- Clear intersections and alley entrances back for improved sight visibility.
- Clear and sand intersection crosswalks, bus stops, and handicapped parking in the downtown area.

(\*) Designated high traffic sidewalks (20 km of the 55 km of sidewalks) will be plowed of snow by City crews.



### DOWNTOWN RULES

1. There is no parking on Baker St. from 2:00 am to 7:00 am from Sunday to Wednesday. Signs are posted and restrictions will be enforced.
2. There is no parking on downtown side streets from 2:00 am to 7:00 am from Thursday to Saturday. Signs are posted and restrictions will be enforced.
3. Business owners and residents are required by Bylaw 3156 to remove snow and ice on their sidewalk by 11:00 am each day (except Sunday or holidays for businesses).

### SNOW WINDROWS ON DRIVEWAYS

Plowing of snow may result in a windrow of snow across private driveways and business accesses. The City of Nelson regrets this; however, we simply do not have the resources to clear these windrows from individual driveways.

### SAND STOCKPILES

- The City uses approximately 3,500 tonnes of sand and 140 tonnes of salt each year for our winter operations.

If you require sand, please note:

- **Sandboxes:** there are dozens of sandboxes all over town.
- **Stockpile:** There is public access for winter sand under the orange bridge by Lakeside Park's boat launch - this sand is for residents who want to pick up a couple of buckets of sand to put on icy sidewalks.

DO YOU WANT MORE INFORMATION ON THE CITY'S WINTER SNOW AND ICE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM?

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