

# Clearing the way this winter



1500

lane kms of roads



93

lane kms of priority sidewalks



267

bus stops



534

cul-de-sacs



\$1.9 M

approximate budget



9

zones



## Where's my plow

After the snow stops:

\*Based on an average snow event of 10 cm

within 4 hours\*

### Arterial Roads

Roads like Fortune Drive, Columbia Street, and the Summit Connector carry the highest volume of traffic and are the first to receive attention. Our goal is to maintain bare wheel paths in one lane as long as possible during a snow event and to regain bare wheel paths within 4 hours after the snow stops.

within 16 hours\*

### Collectors & Bus Routes

Lethbridge Avenue, Springhill Drive, and Ord Road are examples of roads that receive second priority clearing during and after snow events. Our goal is to maintain bare wheel paths in one lane as long as possible during a snow event and address these roads within 16 hours after the snow stops.

within 36 hours\*

### Residential Streets

Our goal is to sand or plow residential streets as necessary within 36 hours of the end of a snowfall. As long as snow continues to fall, City crews will continue to address arterial roads for emergency vehicles and most traffic before moving onto the lower priority roads.

## Staffing & Equipment

- 17 sand trucks
- 2 liquid-dispersal trucks
- 2 graders
- 4 sidewalk plows
- 6 pickup trucks with front plows
- 5 loaders - attachments include: 3 buckets, 2 loader plows, & 1 snowblower



### Monday to Friday

**(24-hour coverage):** three 8-hour shifts of 11 people, with the ability to add staff from previous and upcoming shifts as required.

**Weekends:** two 12-hour shifts of a minimum of 8 staff are on standby throughout the season.

## Cul-de-sac clearing

Cul-de-sacs require specialized procedures and equipment to clear. With 534 of them to attend to, they are often the last of residential streets to be cleared after a snow event.

## Bus stop accessibility

There are 533 bus stops in the city, however, the City only clears windrows from 267 stops along arterial roads. Maintenance of the bus pad is the responsibility of the adjacent homeowner.

## Snow Angels

If you require assistance shovelling your property, Snow Angels is a program where neighbourhood-based volunteers are paired with seniors or residents with limited mobility who need snow removed from their pathways, stairs, sidewalks, and driveways.

Contact Volunteer Kamloops to register

250-372-8313 | [VolunteerKamloops.org](http://VolunteerKamloops.org)



## What is a 'windrow'?

A windrow is the snow left at the end of a driveway after a plow has cleared a road. Clearing windrows is the homeowners responsibility.

## Be a good neighbour, clear your sidewalk

It is the responsibility of property owners to clear snow from the sidewalk(s) adjacent to their property. On garbage collection days, clean an area or path where your garbage and recycling containers are picked up. Streets are easier to clear without parked cars or other obstructions such as hockey nets, basketball hoops, or overhanging trees.

### Effective snow clearing tips:

- 1 Shovel snow to the right of your driveway (when facing the road) to minimize your windrow size.
- 2 Shovel snow closer to your house at the beginning of the season to allow for more snow storage later on.
- 3 DO NOT shovel snow onto the road. Ice builds up, creating a driving hazard.

## Report an issue Call 250-828-3461

Please respect that our crews are working extremely hard and will get to your street when they can. Avoid calling in for the first 36 hours following a snow event.

