

# Council Policy

Policy Number: *ply\_SER\_Snow\_&\_Ice\_Control\_2016*

## *Snow & Ice Control*

Date Approved by Council: December 13, 2016

County Commissioner:



### 1. Purpose

To establish defined levels of service for Snow and Ice Control that are consistently implemented and funded through Council's approved budget parameters.

### 2. Revision History

<i>Approval Date</i>	<i>Revision Number</i>	<i>Modification</i>
<i>April 8, 2014</i>	<i>1.0</i>	<i>New</i>
<i>December 13, 2016</i>	<i>2.0</i>	<i>Amendments</i>

### 3. Persons/Areas Affected

Transportation

### 4. Policy Statement

*Snow and ice control on roads within the control and jurisdiction of Sturgeon County, shall be managed within specific service level standards and priorities to provide motorists with roads that are as safe as reasonably possible.*

### 5. Definitions

*Arterials, Collectors, & Local Roads - Sturgeon County's Roadway Functional Classification System as approved by Council.*

*Recognized Snowfall Event- an accumulation of 10 cm's or greater of uninterrupted snowfall.*

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## 6. Responsibilities

Plowing operations of Paved and Gravel roads will be initiated once a recognized snowfall event has ended or as deemed necessary by Manager – Transportation Services to ensure safe and reasonable winter driving conditions.

## 7. Procedures

- a) Ice control on County Roads will be provided on an ongoing basis as required to maintain safe and reasonable winter driving conditions.
- b) Plowing and ice control will be completed in accordance with the following levels of service:
  - i. Paved and oiled access roads (Arterials, Collectors) will receive snow and ice control within 24 hours from the end of a recognized snowfall event;
  - ii. Other paved and oiled roads within subdivisions (Local Roads) will receive snow and ice control within 72 hours from the end of a recognized snowfall event; and
  - iii. Gravel roads (Collectors and Local Roads) and subdivisions which are serviced by graders will receive snow and ice control within 72 hours from the end of a recognized snowfall event.
- d) Sturgeon County Operations will route snow and ice control equipment in a manner which maximizes productivity and cost efficiency while ensuring road safety standards.
- e) Sturgeon County will not provide snow and ice control on closed, leased, or semi-private roads or private driveways, other than as per Policy Number TRA-GRV-1 Grading and Plowing of Driveways.
- f) Plowing of private driveways (excluding multi-lot subdivisions) will be provided only after all County roads are open at a full cost recovery, as per Sturgeon County's Fees and Charges Schedule and Sturgeon County Grading and Plowing Policy TRA-GRV-1
- g) As part of regular snow and ice control operations County equipment may leave windrows across approaches to private property. Although operators will work to mitigate the size of windrows wherever possible, it is not expected that the County will at any time remove windrows or plow the approaches.
- h) Sturgeon County will not be responsible for damages located within ditches or any area within the County road allowance which may have been landscaped or improved by the homeowner without expressed written consent of the County.

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## 8. Cross Reference

Snow Route Map TRA-BUS-1 Bus Turn Around, TRA-GRV-1 Grading & Plowing of Driveways, TRA-PRI Private Work, Roadway Functional Classification System ENG-ROA-1