

## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Winter conditions continue, more snow in the forecast**

*City crews out clearing and salting major and priority roads first*

#### **Summary**

Winter driving conditions continue on Nanaimo roads with slushy, packed snow and ice surfaces in place on main routes and snow on secondary routes. Road crews are active to reduce slippery conditions. Motorists are asked to drive with extreme care and avoid driving unless necessary.

*Strategic Link: N/A*

#### **Key Points**

- Drivers are reminded to use caution when approaching traffic signals and stop signs; allow extra time and distance when stopping; give ample room for snow clearing equipment when it is out on the road; and please do not attempt to pass equipment and crews when they are working.
- The City's priority for snow clearing sees major roads, including emergency and bus routes, ploughed first, followed by residential areas with collector roads, followed by cul-de-sacs and dead ends.
- In anticipation of a snow event, City crews prepared roads with brine starting Thursday, February 2.
- City crews have been plowing and salting priority routes continually since 6 AM Friday. Crews will be moving onto Secondary routes and residential areas as weather conditions allow.

#### **Quotes**

"We thank residents in advance for their patience while City snow clearing crews work through major priority routes, then onto to secondary routes and finally local residential streets. We continue to advise drivers to use extra caution and to be prepared for slippery surfaces."

David Myles  
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#### **Quick Facts**

- To report a concern or make a suggestion regarding snow and ice control, please contact the City of Nanaimo Public Works department at 250-758-5222 or [public.worksinfo@nanaimo.ca](mailto:public.worksinfo@nanaimo.ca).
- Property owners and occupants are reminded to remove snow and ice from sidewalks within 24 hours of a snow event ending.

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