

NEWS RELEASE

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Update: Snow clearing on Nanaimo roads

Summary

Winter driving conditions persist on Nanaimo roads with slushy and hard packed snow and ice surfaces in place on main routes and snow on secondary routes. Road crews worked over night Friday through Saturday morning to reduce slippery conditions. Currently progress on clearing main routes has been made allowing crews to shift their focus to secondary routes.

The weather forecast is calling for snow to resume again sometime this morning. If snow begins to accumulate, road crews will return their focus to ploughing and sanding emergency and priority routes first. Temperatures are expected to drop tonight creating icy road conditions in many areas.

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.
- 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.
- Property owners and occupants are reminded to remove snow and ice from sidewalks within 24 hours of an snow event ending.

Quotes

"Snowy road conditions remain in and around Nanaimo. We continue to advise drivers to use extra caution and to be prepared for slippery surfaces."

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