

NEWS RELEASE

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Clearing of roads continues as City snow removal crews remain busy

Attention on secondary routes priority once primary and emergency routes clear

Summary

Snow clearing crews remain active throughout Nanaimo following this weekend's winter weather. Measures, including dispatching all available snow equipment and ordering an additional 600 tonnes of road salt were taken to keep up with several waves of wet, heavy snowfall.

The City of Nanaimo wishes to thank residents for their patience as work continues throughout the city to clear roads. Residents are reminded that priority is given to clearing primary and emergency routes first, followed by secondary routes.

Budget for the City's 2017 snow clearing services remains in place, with adequate funding and contingencies available. No cuts to snow clearing-related service have been undertaken.

Strategic Link: Public Safety - this priority supports the collective well-being of our community by protecting the lives of all our residents.

Key Points

- Drivers are reminded to use caution when approaching traffic signals, crosswalks 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 6:00 am Friday. Crews will be moving onto Secondary routes and residential areas as weather conditions allow.

Quotes

"Crews are working in the residential areas now, they will continue to do so until the weather moves them back to the priority routes. We appreciate the patience of the citizens as we endeavour to clear the streets. We are anticipating more heavy snowfall this afternoon and into the evening, please use care and caution when driving on snow covered roads."

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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.
- 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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