

TOWN OF BIRCH HILLS
BYLAW NO. 23-2022
A BYLAW TO CONTROL THE REMOVAL OF SNOW

The Council of the Town of Birch Hills in the Province of Saskatchewan enacts as follows:

1. SHORT TITLE

This Bylaw shall be known and may be cited as the Snow Removal Bylaw.

2. PURPOSE

The purpose of this Bylaw is to regulate the removal and/or placement of snow on private property and to prohibit the placement of such snow on roadways, public drainage ditches and public property.

3. DEFINITIONS

In this Bylaw, the following words or terms are used, they shall, unless the text otherwise provides, be held to have the following meanings:

- a) "Adjoining property" means a parcel of land next to a sidewalk;
- b) "Debris" includes loose dirt, mud, or organic material likely to interfere with pedestrian traffic;
- c) "Occupant" means an occupant as defined in the *Municipalities Act*;
- d) "Public Place" includes all or any part of a street as defined by the *Municipalities Act*, a park, a municipal reserve, environmental reserve, buffer strip, drainage ditch or other property of the Town of Birch Hills;
- e) "Roadway" means that part of a street adapted to the use of or ordinarily used by vehicles;
- f) "Sidewalk" means that part of street adapted to the use of or ordinarily used by pedestrians;
- g) "Approved property" means property for which there is a written agreement for access between the contractor performing snow removal services and the property owner requesting those services.

4. REGULATIONS

- a) No person shall push, blade, shovel, blow, place or deposit snow that has accumulated on private property onto any sidewalk, street or public place.
- b) No person shall push, blade, shovel, blow, place or deposit accumulated snow onto private property other than their own.
- c) The owner or occupier of property shall ensure that when clearing or removing snow or ice or other loose debris, that he or she shall refrain from causing injury or unduly interfering with any person lawfully using the sidewalk, street or public place and shall refrain from causing damage to the sidewalks, streets or public places.
- d) The owner or occupier of property shall ensure that snow disposal be undertaken in such a manner that it does not create a hazard or interfere with the use of streets, sidewalks or public places.
- e) Residential property owners will be responsible for clearing the snow, ice and / or loose debris from the adjacent sidewalk.
- f) Residential property owners will be responsible for clearing snow, ice and / or loose debris from adjacent sidewalk within forty-eight hours from when the snow, ice or other loose debris was formed or deposited thereon.

- g) Subcontractors performing any type of snow removal service(s) shall be responsible for depositing snow on approved property; must also comply with the policies, procedures and Bylaws of the Town of Birch Hills.
- h) Residential property owners and sub-contractors performing snow removal service(s) must ensure that deposited snow piles do not exceed the heights of signage, impede or obscure visibility on corners, intersections or otherwise.

5. PRIORITY

In the event of a snowfall the following will be given priority in the manner prescribed as follows:

- 1. Arterial Streets including the Business Districts
- 2. Collector Streets
- 3. Local Streets
- 4. Lanes / Back Alleys
- 5. Airport runway (NOTAM registered with Transport Canada for "limited winter maintenance")

Streets that fall under these categories are identified on the Snow Removal Plan Maps attached hereto.

6. ENFORCEMENT

- a) In the event that the Bylaw is contravened the Town may, by written order require the owner or occupant to remove the snow or ice or other accumulation from the street, sidewalk or public place. Failing to do so the Town may take whatever action or measures are necessary to remedy a contravention of the Bylaw, including removal of accumulation.
- b) A person who contravenes the provisions of this Bylaw is guilty of an offence and upon conviction shall be liable to the penalty provided by the General Penalty Bylaw of the Municipality of the Town of Birch Hills.
- c) In addition to any fines, the cost of removing snow from the public place or street will be added to the property taxes of the individual.

7. COMING INTO FORCE

This Bylaw shall come into force and take effect on the date of the final passing thereof; Bylaw no. 12/13 is hereby repealed.



Mayor



Chief Administrative Officer

Read a first time and adopted
this 9th day of Nov, 2022.

Read a second time and adopted
this 9th day of Nov, 2022.

Read a third time and adopted
this 9th day of Nov, 2022.




Chief Administrative Officer

Verified to be a true copy of Bylaw No. 12/13
adopted by the Council of the Town of Birch Hills
on the 9th day of November 2022

