



# Summer Village of Castle Island

Date: April 12, 2011

Policy Name: Snow Removal Policy

## **OBJECTIVE:**

The goal of the Snow Removal Policy is to maintain the Summer Village's roadways so as to:

- Reduce the hazards of icy conditions to motorists and pedestrians;
- Facilitate the handling of emergencies by Police, Fire and Ambulance services during the winter.
- Prevent or reduce accident or injury by providing safe winter driving conditions.
- Ensure that the hazards caused by accumulated snow are efficiently and safely addressed.
- Ensure the removal and collection of snow from roads in winter does not cause problems for the lake.

## **Plowing of Roads**

The roads shall normally be maintained to a compacted snow surface. Generally, snow accumulating beyond a depth of 3 cm shall be removed by plowing. Council shall designate an individual at the start of every winter season to co-ordinate as to when the Summer Village contractor shall plow the roads.

The roads shall be plowed on a continuous basis until completed. The snow plowing operations shall be completed within thirty-six hours following the end of an average storm. During extreme snowfall events where the snowfall amount and/or accompanying severe drifting conditions makes it impractical to complete the snow clearing operations on the road system with a full complement of resources and continuous effort, the time limits specified may be extended.

Windrows of snow plowed across private approaches shall be removed. High piles located adjacent to private approaches shall not be removed.

Every effort shall be made to relocate the snow within the storage areas, but loading and hauling may be necessary in many instances. Snow accumulations on municipal roads may contain contaminants such as suspended solids, organic chemicals, phosphates, dissolved salts, heavy metals, oil, and trash. These contaminants can be harmful to terrestrial and aquatic environments.

In years of significantly above-normal snow accumulations, it may be impractical to undertake the reduction of all high piles within the Summer Village. On those occasions, efforts shall be concentrated on piles in areas of high traffic volumes.