

Council Corner



Snow removal in Tofield among the best in area when procedures followed

Winters months pose a multitude of challenges to each municipality. Tofield in this regards stands no different. However, one area that Mayor and Council believe brings Tofield to the forefront is its snow removal process.

The Operations Department through their diligent work is able to provide service to the community in its entirety in five days. The placement of signage allows residents to know when service is going to be provided in their area and to make the appropriate arrangements to allow this work to take place.

The placement of signage is done as both an awareness piece as well as being done from a perspective of courtesy. It should be noted; Tofield is one of the only communities within this area to perform such a method. Others have noted this policy and have looked to follow suite based upon our success.

Although the Town has seen

many positives through the placement of signage and the diligence with snow removal, there are still issues. These issues lie in the fact that even though signage is placed many still choose not to remove their vehicle from the street.

By leaving your vehicle on the road you have restricted the ability for large equipment to freely navigate the roadways. This creates undue stresses for operators to now avoid these barriers. The road is not able to be cleaned in its entirety and also poses a risk of damage to your vehicle.

The Town does have the ability to tow vehicles from the roadway if the signage is not adhered to. The Town would certainly prefer for residents to

comply to avoid this necessity altogether, as would our contracted Peace Officer.

Also of note: the Operations Department has a route to which they follow, starting with emergency access roads. This provides clear passage for our ambulances, fire trucks etc. The Operations Department as aforementioned, places signage to allow people ample notice of the clearing process. Areas may experience drastic change to elements outside of our control, such as weather. The Operations Department as well as Administration are aware of these changes. However, the crews can not be pulled from one area to immediately respond to another prior to full completion of work. This would

create a multitude of issues and never see an area being fully completed. Please respect our workers and the process which they follow. All areas will be addressed, as mentioned, following a process.

In the essence of snow removal, please be reminded that all property owners (residential and commercial) must clean snow from all walkways 24 hours following snow fall. Please note; that these specifics are detailed in the Town's Community Standards Bylaw 1308, available for review on the Town's website. It is the Town's goal to see easily navigable walkways free of snow and ice for all residents and visitors.

**Respectfully submitted,
Mayor and Council**

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