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Town has to repeatedly clear crosswalks

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He explained Monday morning for example, "we started out with our sidewalk machines at approximately 3:30 a.m., but at the same time we have our snowplows out cleaning all of the roads."

He said the sidewalk machines clear an intersection and then the snowplows come by and push a windrow of snow in front of the sidewalk again.

"This happens every event, so it is necessary for us to keep going back over and over and over the sidewalks to get them cleared," said Spear.

"Some occasions like the +25 cm event

last Sunday into Monday we had to put snow blowers on the sidewalk machines just to clear enough room along the sidewalks, so we could return with the push blades afterward to try and clear them closer to the concrete," said Spear.

Spear added sometimes they have the opportunity to use backhoes and/or loaders with dump trucks to completely remove the snow from the intersections.

"Unfortunately we can't do this with the loaders and backhoes very often as

staff are usually returning to plow rural roads and or drifted areas, fill potholes, tree maintenance, or a multitude of other jobs," said Spear.



The Main St. N. crosswalk at School Lane last week. Pedestrians had to use a driveway to avoid the snowbank at the crosswalk. Submitted photo

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