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## SEND IN THE PLOWS: HALTON HILLS READY FOR SNOW

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As the white stuff starts to fly for the season, the Town of Halton Hills says its fleet is ready to handle whatever the winter season may bring.

Municipal staff has been busy in recent days with vehicle testing, new employee training and ensuring adequate salt and sand supplies are on hand to maintain the roads.

Mayor Rick Bonnette said the Town's response to heavy snow will be carried out in priority sequence, focusing first on main arterial roads, then collector roads and finally, residential and rural roads.

"I want to remind residents that we will clear roads as quickly as possible," said Bonnette. "However, please be patient as it does take time for the plows to get to all of our local streets. We do recognize the importance of road maintenance in supporting drivers' safety."

Commissioner of Transportation and Public Works Chris Mills noted that the Town adheres to a winter control program to manage over 1,000 km of roads, 157 km of sidewalks and 27 municipal parking lots.

'There's a lot of work to do, and staff operates in a sequential and planned manner," he said. "As the mayor noted, winter control is performed in priority sequence. Regional roads such as Trafalgar Road are cleared first, then arterial roads such as Guelph Street, then collector roads like Delrex, followed by local urban and rural roads. Resources have also been realigned within Public Works to focus on sidewalks at the beginning of snow events."

Effective Nov. 15, there's a Town-wide parking prohibition on streets between 2 and 6 a.m. for night-time snow clearing operations. This will continue until April

Residents are asked to assist with clearing snow from fire hydrants and ensuring garbage and blue boxes are kept off roadways to allow plows to get through.

A Town bylaw prohibits snow from being shoveled back onto roadways.

For more information, contact Public Works at 905-873-2601, ext. 2603 or visit haltonhills.ca/SnowPlowing.

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