

TOWN GEARS UP FOR WINTER ROAD MAINTENANCE

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With white stuff in the forecast, the Town of Halton Hills is asking residents to exercise patience as it clears roads in order of priority.

The municipality says its staff has been busy preparing for snow with vehicle testing, employee training, and stockpiling salt and sand to maintain roads and sidewalks.

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 streets, and finally residential and rural roads.

"I want to remind residents that we clear roads as quickly as possible," he

said. "However, please be patient as it does take time for the plows to get to all of our local streets. Please know that we recognize the importance of road maintenance in supporting drivers' safety."

Halton Hills Transportation and Public Works Commissioner Bill Andrews noted the municipality adheres to a winter control program to manage over 1,100 km of roads, 160 km of sidewalks and 27 municipal parking lots.

"There is a lot of work to do, and staff operates in a planned manner," he said.

For example, he said regional thoroughfares like Trafalgar Road and arterial roads like Guelph Street are cleared first, then collector roads like Delrex Boulevard, followed by local urban and rural roads.

Other reminders from

the Town include that:

- Heavy snowfall or successive storms extend winter control activities, resulting in delays getting to local roads

- A town-wide parking prohibition on streets is underway between 2 and 6 a.m. until April 15 for nighttime snow clearing operations

- Municipally maintained sidewalk snow clearing starts at the beginning of a snow event, and staff endeavour to complete the task within 48 hours after snow has ended

- Residents are asked to assist with clearing snow from fire hydrants and sidewalks not maintained by the Town, and consider helping a neighbour who may have difficulty

- Shovelling snow onto roadways is not permitted



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The Town of Halton Hills plows over 1,100 km of roads during the winter.

- Garbage bins, recycling boxes and basketball roadways. For further details, contact public works at 905-873-2601, ext. 2603 or visit haltonhills.ca/en/residents/snow-plowing.aspx.



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