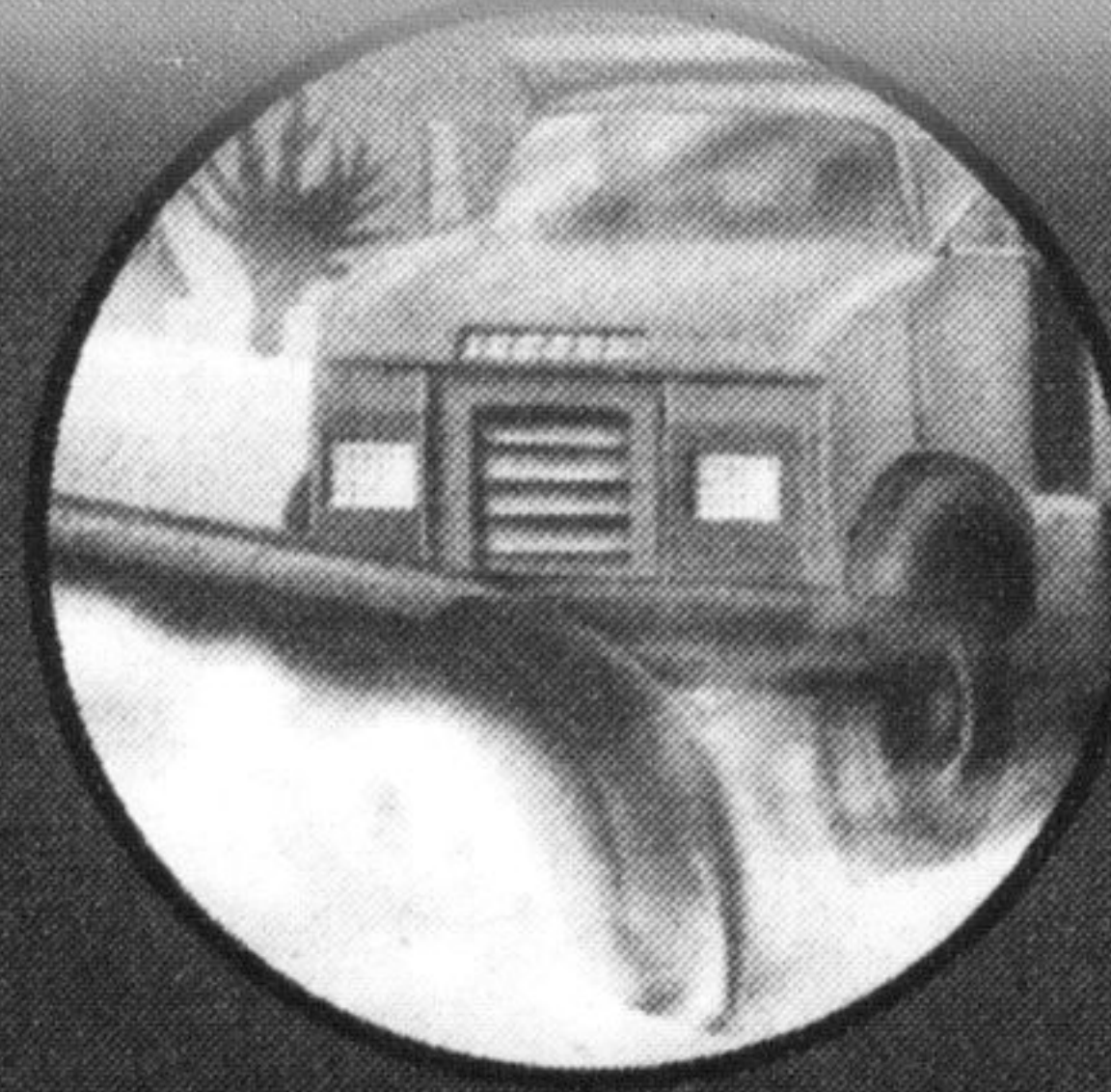


Town of Milton Important Winter Snow Control Information



SNOWPLOWING

The Community Services Department is responsible for snow removal services for the Town of Milton. When a snowstorm occurs, the Town starts its road clearing operations as soon as 2 inches of snow have accumulated. However, our crews can't clear every street immediately, so snowplows are assigned to the following designated levels of service in this order of priority.

Class 1 level of service is designated for regional roads, urban collectors & arterials and downtown main streets. Snow removal starts when accumulation reaches 2 inches. Primary roads with the heaviest volume of traffic are the first priority, followed by collector streets that lead to these. The remaining residential streets will be cleared when accumulation reaches 3 inches. Once all residential streets are plowed, a re-plowing process starts to clean up snow that may have been left due to cars parked on roads.

While we know that many people would like their residential street cleared sooner, we ask that people be patient. Given that winter weather conditions are unpredictable and often change, as soon as possible is the best answer we can give you. Also, until our crews are able to clear the major roads, it may not be safe for you to go anywhere.

SANDING & SALTING

Our winter control procedures for sanding and salting follows similar priority roads established for snowplowing. Service level for primary and secondary roads is "bare pavement" and residential streets is "snow packed". Local streets are sanded only in extreme weather conditions.

PARKING

Please ensure that all vehicles are off the street following a storm and observe seasonal parking regulations. There is a bylaw in effect from November 15 to April 15 that does not permit any overnight parking on any Town street between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. Parked cars make plowing activities unsafe and could restrict access by emergency services. Also parked cars across sidewalks hinder the town's ability to plow sidewalks.

SIDEWALKS

The Town is responsible for clearing approx. 48 km of sidewalks and it first clears the sidewalks of the property it owns, school routes and the downtown core. All other property owners - business and residential - are required by Town Bylaw 13-95 to clear snow and ice from their sidewalks.

Please note that it is the responsibility of the owner/occupant of property abutting the sidewalk to provide snow and ice removal within 24 hours after a snowfall. Exemption is made for physically handicapped owners who reside on the property and have filed a valid medical certificate with the Town of Milton's Community Services Department.

Driveway Markings

Be sure to properly mark decorative concrete curbing and wood ties that parallel driveways as the Town of Milton is not responsible for any damages. To help reduce the chance of damage, areas that abut sidewalks and curbs should be tapered flush to the curb and sidewalk.

Tips on Clearing Your Sidewalks

With your help, disruption to pedestrians can be reduced as well as safety increased:

Remove the snow from your sidewalk as soon as possible after a winter storm to ensure they are safe for all residents;

When clearing your driveway and sidewalk, pile all snow on your property, not the road. This will reduce large windrows created by the snowplow;

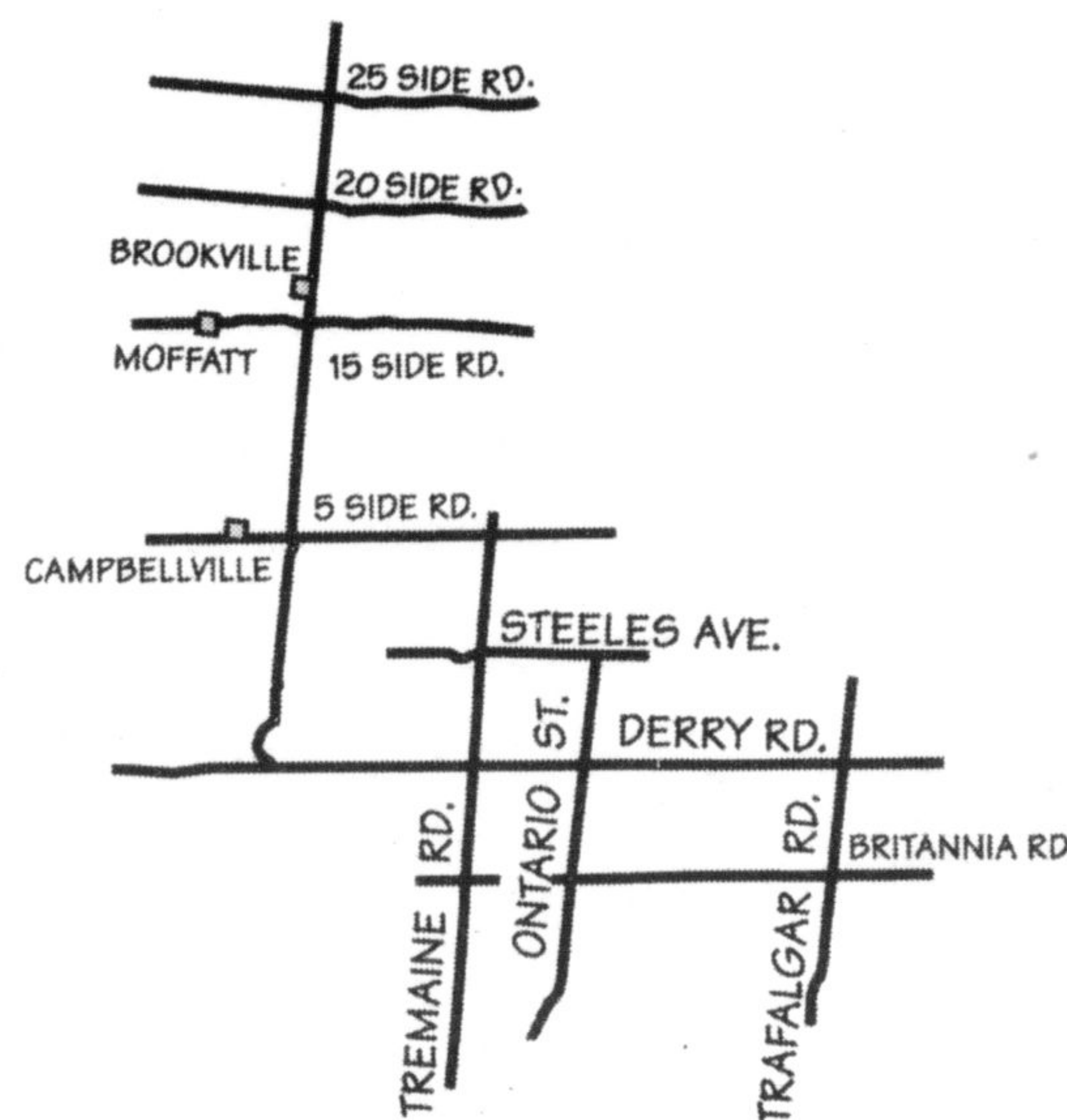
Snow and ice removed from sidewalks or parking lots should not obstruct fire hydrants or be deposited on a roadway or adjacent sidewalks/walkways;

If you use a snow blower, please do not blow snow onto already cleared sidewalks and driveways.

CLASS 1 SNOW REMOVAL URBAN AREAS



CLASS 1 SNOW REMOVAL RURAL AREAS



Note flawed, according to the rules

By RICHARD VIVIAN
The Champion

Last month's council confusion over the smoking bylaw should never have happened in the first place, state regulatory rules.

Following a Town staff review of the controversial 5-4 vote against reconsidering the smoking bylaw, it's been determined the vote was flawed on several levels.

Under the rules of order, a motion to reconsider the smoking bylaw — made by Councillor Rick Day — was out of order and shouldn't have inspired a council debate and vote.

"This reconsideration motion was brought up and procedurally, that shouldn't have been allowed," said Town Clerk Troy McHarg, who joined the Town's staff days after the vote in question.

As someone who voted in favour of the current bylaw, Mr. Day would've had the ability to move reconsideration, but only during the April 22 meeting at which the bylaw was originally approved.

However, the motion to reconsider was allowed and another procedural error forced the issue to move forward to Monday's council meeting.

Immediately following the October 28 decision, Councillor Barry Lee requested a recorded vote be taken.

That request should've been granted and a challenge of the chair by Councillor John Challinor against the recorded vote should've been dismissed, under provincial legislation.

"This (no recorded vote) is called an ongoing breach of procedural rules. Just because he (Mr. Lee) wasn't given the opportunity before (for the recorded vote), doesn't mean that he doesn't still have the right to get it," explained Mr. McHarg. "That took precedence over all else."

Mr. Challinor's October challenge was successful after no members of council stood in favour of the mayor's call for the recorded vote.

It was that recorded vote that took place Monday, when council attempted to right the procedural wrongs. The reconsideration died 6-5.

Man struck by vehicle

A 20-year-old Toronto man is listed in stable condition after being hit by a car while crossing Regional Road 25 north of Hwy. 401 Tuesday.

Halton Regional Police say the man parked his transport truck on the south-bound shoulder of Regional Road 25 while he crossed the street to go to Tim Hortons at about 11 a.m. The man was attempting to cross back to his vehicle when he was hit by a northbound Honda CRX driven by a 30-year-old Mississauga man.

A sign indicating the shoulder was a no-stopping zone was clearly marked.

Officers remained on scene for about five hours while they investigated.

The names of the driver and pedestrian weren't released. At press time yesterday, the man, who suffered head injuries, remained in the intensive care unit of Hamilton General Hospital.

Witnesses are asked to call Det. Const. Paul Davies at (905) 825-4747, ext. 5056.

NEED MORE INFORMATION?

For up to date information during the winter season, call our Snow Control Hotline at 905-878-7252 (select menu option 1) or visit our Town Web site at www.town.milton.on.ca.

