

Seasonal Parking Ban Extended

Continued snowfall requires additional work on main roads

The recent heavy snowfall and further precipitation forecasted for the afternoon and evening of November 19, 2013 have prompted the City of Edmonton to extend its seasonal parking ban.

"By the end of today, our target is to complete one full cycle on both arterial roads and collector/bus routes," said Bob Dunford, Director, Roadway Maintenance. "But the additional snowfall we received overnight and are expecting through the day has made it necessary for our crews to go over those areas again."

Roadway Maintenance brought in 97 contract graders at midnight to boost the complement of equipment on Edmonton roads to more than 200 pieces, which are plowing and sanding in every quadrant of the City. Clearing of windrows in the downtown business districts began last night, and additional crews will be assigned to continue that task so that drive lanes are cleared in the business districts as soon as possible.

The seasonal parking ban will be lifted and a residential blading cycle started once the arterial and collector/bus routes are complete. Residents are reminded that crews do not plow down to bare pavement on neighbourhood roads; rather, blade trucks scrape the surface to create a level snow pack of less than 5 cm that is easy for vehicles to navigate.

Property owners are reminded that they are responsible for clearing all snow and ice from city sidewalks adjoining their property within 48 hours after a snowfall has ended. Snow and ice are a hazard, particularly for seniors and people with disabilities. Complimentary dry sand is available at many community centres in the City; a complete list of locations can be found at www.edmonton.ca/transportation/service-community-sandboxes.aspx. Please also note that snow cannot be shoveled out onto the street, but must be piled on properties or hauled away.

"We greatly appreciate the patience of citizens, especially those who took the time to comply with the parking ban and move their vehicles so that crews could plow curb to curb on collector/bus routes," said Dunford. "We completely understand the inconvenience but the higher the level of cooperation, the more quickly we can get the job done and the faster we can lift the seasonal parking ban."

For more information on the parking ban or winter roadway maintenance, visit: edmonton.ca/winterroads.

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