

Neighbourhood Blading Completion Delayed

Amount of accumulated snow slowing progress

The depth of accumulated snow on neighbourhood roads has resulted in significant delays for blading crews. As of noon on Sunday, December 1, 2013, crews have completed 75 per cent of residential routes and anticipate that the entire cycle won't be completed until late on Monday, December 2, 2013.



"We completely understand the frustration of citizens and apologize to all those who have been waiting all week for their roads to be bladed, only to have the schedule change as we fell further behind," said Bob Dunford, Director of Roadway Maintenance. "The amount of snow that had built up on neighbourhood roads combined with the warmer temperatures this last week meant that our operators were often bogged down and forced to blade down to bare pavement in areas to deal with the crumbling snow pack. This along with the number of vehicles parked on-street slowed our operation considerably and resulted in these regrettable delays."

Crews will continue to work around the clock on neighbourhoods until all the residential roads have been bladed. Should the City receive significant accumulation starting Sunday night as forecasted, as many crews as possible will remain in neighbourhoods while other cityworkers and contract operators will be assigned to deal with priority routes.

"With the storm moving in, we will dedicate resources to ensuring that arterial roads, collector/bus routes, bridge decks and river valley hills are sanded and plowed in preparation for the morning commute," said Dunford. "We want to remind drivers that even with roads plowed and abrasives laid down, the roads will be in winter driving condition, and they should plan for the extra time it will take to get to work in the morning."

The online neighbourhood schedule will continue to be updated until neighbourhood blading is complete. Citizens whose roads have not yet been bladed are encouraged to check the schedule at edmonton.ca/snowremoval or to call 311 to find out if changes have been made to the start date.

For more information on winter roadway maintenance, please visit:

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