

Unseasonable temperatures create roadway issues

Although most Edmontonians appreciate the break in frigid winter temperatures, the recent warming trend has created several issues on Edmonton roads.

Windrow Removal

Higher daytime temperatures have softened the snow at City of Edmonton snow storage sites, making it difficult for equipment to move snow at the site. As a result, Transportation Services is suspending its collector/bus route windrow pick-up until crews at the snow storage sites are able to catch up on the excess snow waiting to be processed. The City is also asking private contractors and citizens to hold off on hauling snow to storage facilities until further notice.



Neighbourhood blading

Softening of the snow pack has occurred on neighbourhood streets and in alleyways, making navigation a challenge in some residential areas. "We've identified those neighbourhoods where melting is making it almost impossible for drivers to get through," said Bob Dunford, Director of Roadway Maintenance. "Our crews have started blading where the need is most urgent, and we will continue to make that the focus of our efforts today, tomorrow and through the weekend."

Roadway Maintenance will start a city-wide neighbourhood blading cycle on Monday, January 20, 2014. "We are working to improve conditions on all residential streets," said Dunford.

The updated [neighbourhood blading schedule](#) will be available by Sunday, January 19, 2014 and can be viewed at that time.

Potholes

The frequent freeze/thaw cycles that Edmonton is experiencing this season will likely result in a significant number of potholes on city streets. City crews are already repairing potholes across Edmonton, and citizens are encouraged to call 311 or to go to [edmonton.ca/potholes](#) to report locations that are of particular concern.

"Winter isn't over and I'm sure we're going to be dealing with more snowfall before spring finally arrives," added Dunford. "In the meantime, however, we will deal with the challenges presented by these warmer temperatures as efficiently as possible, and appreciate the ongoing patience of citizens as we do so."

For more information, please visit [edmonton.ca/winterroads](#).

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