

COUNTY OF ST. PAUL NO. 19

Our Mission - To create desirable rural experiences

PW-13 Snow Clearance Policy

Department: Public Works

POLICY OBJECTIVE:

The County of St. Paul desires to establish standards to keep roadways in as safe as conditions as is practicable for roadway users, within the budgetary and labour constraints of the Public Works Department.

POLICY STATEMENTS:

1.0 General Snow Clearance Standards

- 1.1 The roads are categorized by order of importance and the level of service is provided on this basis. In general, snow clearance shall commence as follows:
 - (a) Paved/Oiled roads – upon accumulation exceeding 7.5 cm (3 inches) and/or as conditions present themselves (drifting in excess of 7.5 cm (3 inches), steep inclines, icy conditions etc.); and
 - (b) Gravel roads – upon snow accumulations exceeding 15 cm (6 inches) and/or as conditions present themselves (drifting in excess of 15 cm (6 inches), steep inclines, icy conditions etc.).

2.0 Emergency Snow Clearance Standards

- 2.1 In the event of an extreme winter storm resulting in large amounts of snow accumulating and/or drifting, the County roads will be opened within five (5) days of the cessation of extreme winter storm conditions and/or as safe conditions allow.
- 2.2 In the event of an emergency, the County public works department will endeavour to commence snow clearing the route required upon request from emergency services (fire/police/ambulance).
- 2.3 The ability to meet the five (5) day road clearing goal is based on all snow clearing equipment in operable condition and available manpower.

3.0 General Sanding Standards

- 3.1 Sand will be placed on roadway and/or roadway intersections when, in the opinion of the Sand Truck Operator, Director of Public Works or their designee, sand is required to provide a safe driving surface. The decision to place sand on

the roadway or intersection will usually be based on observations while travelling the County roadways.

- 3.2 If climatic conditions change during any normal working day, any decision to cease or resume sanding operations will be made by the Director of Public Works or their designee based on conditions observed or reported during normal duties.