



## District of Tumbler Ridge

### Snow Removal Information

#### What equipment do we have?

- 2 plow trucks
- 1 salt/sand truck
- 1 Grader
- 1 Holder for walkways with blower, plow and sanding attachments.
- 1 large blower for clearing airport, downtown and blowing snow back off roadway.
- 2 loaders for piling snow and clearing parking areas.

#### What order are roads cleared?

1. Main collectors are cleared first such as Mackenzie, Monkman, Southgate and Northgate.
2. Parking lots for emergency access, such as the Fire Hall.
3. Town Center.
4. Residential Streets and the Airport
5. Sidewalks, Paths.

#### How much snow will accumulate before crew responds?

We will start plowing when 5 cm of snow has accumulated on main collectors and emergency parking access areas. All others are 8 cm of snow.

#### When are Intersections sanded?

The intersections are salt/sanded the heaviest right away to improve traction but are the hardest to monitor when conditions change such as temperature, traffic flow, etc.

We do respond when people phone with a slippery intersection concern.

Probably half the sand is used at intersections, which is why residences on corners acquire so much sand on their lawns in the Spring.

#### Who's responsible for Sidewalks?

Sidewalks in front of residential or commercial buildings are cleared of snow by the owner.

All others including the bear walks are cleared by the District.

When the crew periodically blows the snow up onto the lawns they also clear the sidewalks.

#### And what about that sand on my lawn?

The price to pay for having safe streets in winter is to have some sand mixed with the snow dumped on your lawn.

It's unavoidable, but come Spring the District does go around pushing the bulk of it back onto the street for pickup.

We cannot possibly afford to clean up everyone's lot so it is left up to the homeowner to sweep it off before we clean the sidewalks.

#### Are there any hazards I should know about?

Glad you asked:

Our operators work under the worst driving conditions most of the time with poor visibility, high winds, traffic, reduced traction and sometimes long hours.

We can add to that stranded irate motorists, impatient motorists, parked vehicles, buried objects that can damage equipment or injure the operator and above all else....Children.

**Please make sure children are not playing in snow windrows and are nowhere near the equipment!**

Please drive safely for the road conditions and show courtesy for the snow equipment operators.