

### **City of Richmond**

### **Policy Manual**

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#### It is Council policy that:

A salt mixture will be applied on specified roadways to provide safe winter driving conditions during adverse weather.

#### **Major Salting Operations:**

- a. will commence upon verification of poor street conditions as determined by the on duty supervisor;
- b. will commence upon request by the RCMP; and/or
- c. may be pre-scheduled in response to weather forecasts.

**Program Response Time**: as it takes City forces approximately 1 1/2 hours to prepare and begin salting City streets with a completion time of up to five hours, depending on conditions. The following priorities have been established:

- 1. **First Priority**: all major arterial, section line roads and bus routes (those roads identified as "1<sup>st</sup> Priority" and coloured green on the map attached to and forming part of this policy).
- 2. **Second Priority**: major collector roads (those roads identified as "2<sup>nd</sup> Priority" and coloured in red on the map attached to and forming part of this policy).
- 3. **Third Priority:** those roads identified as 3<sup>rd</sup> Priority" and coloured blue on the map attached to and forming part of this policy.
- 4. **Snow Plowing:** snow plowing will only be done on roads identified in Items 1-3 above when salting is ineffective.
- 5. **Extraordinary Circumstances:** in extraordinary circumstances, the General Manager of Engineering and Public Works is authorized to order the salting and/or removal of snow from City roads that are not set out and identified as being "1<sup>st</sup>", "2<sup>nd</sup>" or "3<sup>rd</sup>" Priority roads on the map attached to and forming part of this policy. Otherwise, no salting or snow plowing will be conducted by the City on roads not set out and identified as being "1<sup>st</sup>", "2<sup>nd</sup>" or "3<sup>rd</sup>" Priority roads on the map attached to and forming part of this policy.
- 6. **Minor, localized icing conditions:** The on-duty supervisor or designated alternate will investigate and assess road conditions. If salting is needed to improve the road condition, the on-duty supervisor may initiate this activity by Patroller staff or other qualified available individuals.



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