



TOWNSHIP OF ESSA - Public Works Department
WINTER OPERATIONS - QUALITY STANDARDS

SIDEWALK SNOW REMOVAL

SUMMARY OF QUALITY STANDARD / LEVEL OF SERVICE:

The level of service for winter sidewalk snow plowing operations shall be in accordance with the following:

- Snow clearing of sidewalks in the Angus, Baxter and Thornton areas shall be done on a seven day per week basis and commence when the accumulation of snow is in excess of 7.5 centimetres (3 inches) on the surface of the sidewalks. All sidewalks should be cleared within six (6) hours of the start of the sidewalk plowing operations.
- First priority shall be accorded to sidewalks on arterial routes (Mill Street in Angus, County Road 27 in Thornton). Second priority shall be accommodated to sidewalks on collector roads and areas of moderate pedestrian traffic such as schools, commercial areas, and government offices. Third priority shall be accorded to sidewalks in local residential areas and sidewalks with low pedestrian traffic.
- As the Municipality does not have any means or resources to sand sidewalks, no de-icing or sanding of sidewalks will be provided by the Township.
- Since the sidewalk plow cannot clear hard packed snow from the sidewalks on the King and Centre Street bridges, the Public Works Department will clear the snow when all road plowing has been completed. This work shall not be done on overtime.

SUMMARY

The Public Works Department will attempt to provide the best winter maintenance efforts to the sidewalks given the resources available and weather conditions. However, during certain hours and under certain weather conditions, sidewalks may become snow covered and slippery. It is expected that pedestrians will use extra care in these situations when walking on the sidewalks.

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