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Council Policy

Snow and Ice Control for Parks and Civic Properties

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Contact Department: Civic Operations, Park Services Branch

Guiding Principle

Snow and ice at parks and civic properties will be controlled to balance public access and safety with available budget and resources.

Purpose

To define winter snow and ice control minimum standards at city parks and civic properties.

Definitions

- **Bare Pavement:** A paved surface with a layer of snow not exceeding two (2) cm in depth.
- **Paved:** An area of ground that is covered with asphalt, concrete, or bricks to provide a surface for pedestrian or vehicle traffic.
- **Priority 1:** Any titled park or property owned by the City of Kelowna that is open for public access and located in an **Urban Centre**. Also includes Mission Recreation Park, Parkinson Recreation Park and Rutland Recreation Park. This does not include road rights-of-way.
- **Priority 2:** Any other property owned by the City of Kelowna that is open for public access, and not included under the definition of **Priority 1**.
- **Urban Centre:** Shall have the same definition as in the "Kelowna 2040 – Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 12300".
- **Winter Months:** October 31 to March 31, inclusive.

Application

This policy only applies to:

1. Snow / ice control during the **Winter Months**; and
2. City owned parks and civic properties that are open to the public.

This policy does not apply to:

1. Paved parking lots within parks and civic properties (see Council Snow and Ice Policy #332); or
2. Unpaved parking lots or unpaved trails will not receive any snow and ice control, nor will any bridges, paved stairs or paved walkways connected to unpaved trails.

Policy Statements

1. Paved pathways within a Priority 1 property will be cleared to bare pavement within 48 hours of the accumulation of snow or ice.
2. Paved pathways within a Priority 2 property will be cleared to bare pavement within 72 hours of the accumulation of snow or ice.
3. In areas with large paved plazas (e.g. Waterfront Park), a minimum 2m wide pathway will be cleared to bare pavement within 48 hours to allow pedestrian access. The remainder of the paved plaza will be cleared after all other Priority 1 and Priority 2 areas are complete.
4. Paved parking lots, access roads or pathways that are not cleared will be gated and/or signed appropriately.
5. The method of snow and ice control may include the use of plowing, sanding, or salt. The decision to use a particular method of snow or ice control depends on many factors, which may include:
 - Temperatures before, during and after a storm;
 - Duration of the storm;

- Amount of accumulated snow or ice; and
- Weather forecast.

Amendments

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