



Municipal Winter Control **OPERATIONS**

**The Municipality will be
enforcing the relevant
sections of the Highway
Traffic Act and Municipal
By-law EG1**

The Municipality of Central Elgin will make every effort, through our **policies and procedures**, to meet our winter control obligations as efficiently as possible. We will make every effort to make it easier for our fire, police, and ambulance personnel to handle emergencies. Our goal is to keep all roads safe and passable for all road users while minimizing the community's and industry's economic losses during the winter season.

Winter control procedures are in place to ensure that the **Municipal Act's Minimum Maintenance Standards** are met. As a result, certain streets are prioritized. During the winter, not all streets will be kept in the same condition. The level of winter maintenance will vary according to the role of the road/street in the **transportation network** and its **classification**.

T R A F F I C L A W S

Section 170(12) of the Highway Act which prohibits parking so as to interfere with the clearing of snow from the highway and Section 170(15) provides for the removal of offending vehicles at the owners expense.

Section 181 of the Highway Traffic Act - No person shall deposit snow or ice on a roadway without permission in writing so to do from the Ministry or the road authority responsible for the maintenance of the road. R.S.O. 1990, c. H.8, s. 181

MAILBOXES

The Municipality will replace broken mail boxes only if snow removal equipment makes physical contact with the mailbox. Landowners are responsible to ensure mail boxes are secure.

ROAD ENCROACHMENT

The Municipality will not be responsible or held liable for damage to private installations (basketball nets, landscaping features or other decorations) which encroach on the Municipal Right of Way. It is encouraged that landowners remove any existing items that may encroach onto the right of way. Any items that are fixed such as boulders or posts that pose a threat to public safety will be required to be moved at the landowner's expense.

END OF THE DRIVEWAY SNOW

Although we all look forward to the streets being plowed, no one looks forward to the snow pile at the end of the driveway. As the plow passes through driveways, snow falls to one side, forming a windrow. It is the responsibility of the homeowner to clear the snow left by the plow.

STREET PARKING

By-Law EG1 prohibits the parking of any motor vehicle on municipal streets between the hours of 3am to 5am. Any vehicles in contravention of this by-law are subject to a fine and removal at the owner's expense.

SIDEWALKS

The sidewalk winterization policy states:

- It is the responsibility of all commercial property owners to clear snow and ice from the sidewalks adjacent to their properties or businesses.
- Plowing usually begins after more than 80mm of snow has fallen and the storm has passed. This time may vary depending on staff availability.
- If needed, sidewalks may be treated with salt or sand as soon staff equipment becomes available, and during normal working hours.

QUESTIONS?

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