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| Snow Removal Policy | Policy No. 03-2019 | Version 1.0 |
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1.0 Rational

The Council of the Rural Municipality of Connaught No. 457 has two graders to use for snowfall events within the municipality. In average snowfall conditions it takes approximately 24 – 30 hours to clear the 250 miles of all-weather roads within the municipality. In severe or prolonged snowfall conditions, this time will increase. There are some factors that may affect the time required to cover these miles such as the outside temperature which affects equipment operation or poor visibility which is a hazard to operator and motorist safety.

Our goal is to provide the best service while using our resources efficiently and safely. In general, it is most effective to wait until the snowfall or storm has ended before going out to clear the roads. By doing so, one pass over the roads is often sufficient to restore driving conditions. However, if conditions warrant acting sooner, the Reeve and Council will mobilize the operators.

2.0 Policy

We strive to provide a fair and equitable service during and after snowstorms. Our main high traffic all-weather roads receive top priority. As bus routes encompass our whole all-weather road network, they will be cleared as a matter of course of the main grids.

Not everyone can be first served, but we do alternate our routes each time out to be as fair as possible. If you rely on the municipality for laneway snow removal, please note that it is the municipality’s policy to clear all roads first before any private custom work.

Order of Priority:

- Main all-weather grid roads / bus routes
- Municipal access roads
- Customer work / laneways

If a landowner would like the municipality to provide snow plowing for their laneway or other location, they are required to pre-pay for the service at the following rates and sign the Snow Removal Agreement:

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| Laneways | \$200.00 per season per location |
| Custom Snow Removal | \$150.00 / hour |

Guidelines for Landowners

When clearing snow on your own property, please do not pile it on the road surface, push it across the road or pile it where it blocks the ditch drainage works.

Do not pile snow on municipal property.

Snow from your laneway must be pushed into or piled on your own property, not pushed or piled into the municipal road allowance. Piles of frozen snow on the driving surface or in the ditch are a hazard to vehicles and municipal equipment.

Leaving a pile of snow along your laneway approach creates ideal conditions for your lane drifting in much faster, creating more work for removal in subsequent snowfalls.

3.0 Agreement for Snow Removal

If you agree to the terms as set out in this policy and would like the municipality to provide snow removal of your laneway or customer work at an alternate location please fill out the Agreement for Snow Removal and return to the Municipal Office.

AGREEMENT FOR LANEWAY AND CUSTOM SNOW REMOVAL

THIS AGREEMENT made this ____ day of _____, 20__

BETWEEN: Rural Municipality of Connaught No. 457
Box 25, Tisdale SK S0E 1T0
(Herein called the "Municipality")

AND: _____
Name (Herein called the "property owner")

Address

BOTH parties to this agreement agree as follows:

- 1. The property owner authorizes the Municipality to remove snow from their private laneway at the following land location:

LAND LOCATION _____

- 2. The property owner hereby gives permission to the Municipality to enter said described property, to remove snow from their laneway at the sole discretion of the grader operator and agrees to indemnify and save harmless the Municipality against loss, costs, charges and damages which may occur as a result of the above operations provided by the Municipality. Furthermore, the Municipality shall have the right to refuse to snow plow any private laneway that in the opinion of the operator is hazardous or difficult to plow. (Due to laneway too narrow, overgrown trees, obstacles in the way, etc.)
3. The property owner hereby acknowledges and agrees that the municipal roads are a priority and that laneways and custom work will be done only when time permits. Furthermore, the property owner acknowledges that on occasion, due to unforeseen circumstances, that their laneway or custom work may not be plowed by the Municipality and that they may be required to make alternative arrangements to have the work completed.
4. The property owner agrees to pre-pay the Municipality for the current season with respect to snow removal of laneways only.
5. If additional custom work is required for snow removal, a separate charge based on the current rate will apply. The property owner also acknowledges that any amount outstanding from custom work as of December 31st will be added to the above legal land description as outstanding taxes.

Municipal Representative

Property Owner