

Appendix E - Comparison of Sidewalk Snow Clearing Bylaws of Other Jurisdictions

Sidewalk Snow Clearing Bylaw- Comparison -Other Cities										
	Regina	Saskatoon	Edmonton	Calgary	Moose Jaw	Winnipeg	Sudbury	Ottawa	Halifax	Vancouver
Bylaw	The Clean Property Bylaw, 1997 - Section 6(1,2)	The Sidewalk Clearing Bylaw, 2005	The Community Standards Bylaw 14600 -Section 7	Bylaw 20M88 - Section 67(1)	The Clean Sidewalks Bylaw, 5514	No	Fouling, Obstruction, Use and Care of Roads - 2011-219, Section 9	Property Maintenance By-law No. 2005-208, Section 5	BY-LAW NUMBER 5 - 300, Section 4	Street and Traffic By-law 2849, section 76
What is the Bylaw	(1) Every owner, operator or occupant of land inside the area shown on Schedule "B" appended to this Bylaw shall maintain the public sidewalks adjoining the land (2) Every owner, operator or occupant of any Commercial Building, Apartment Building, Commercial Parking Lot and Vacant Property that is situated outside the area shown in Schedule "B" shall maintain the public sidewalks adjoining those properties - Schedule B area refers to the downtown locations	The owner or occupant of adjoining property, shall clear or remove or cause to be cleared or removed all snow or ice or other loose debris from any sidewalk adjoining the property within twenty-four (24) to forty-eight (48) hours of the time when the snow, ice or other loose debris was formed or deposited thereon.	A person shall maintain any sidewalk adjacent to land they own or occupy clear of all snow and ice.	The owner or occupant of a private parcel of land adjacent to a Sidewalk or Pathway that runs in front of the property or along the side of the property where: (a) such Sidewalk or Pathway runs parallel to and directly adjacent to a Street, or (b) such Sidewalk or Pathway runs parallel to and adjacent to a Street, where the Pathway or Sidewalk and Street are separated only by a grassed or otherwise covered boulevard: shall remove ice and snow from that portion of the Sidewalk or Pathway adjacent to the parcel so that the Sidewalk or Pathway is cleared to the bare surface, within 24 hours after the ice and snow has been deposited.	Every owner or occupant of any premises that lies between the designated boundaries in Schedule A and B (i.e. certain areas in downtown and south hill) and any other property zoned Commercial or Industrial shall clearly remove and clear away all snow, ice, dirt, debris and other obstructions from the sidewalks of the adjoining property owned by them.	N/A - Winnipeg has a Snow Clearing & Ice Control Policy which prioritizes snow clearing on sidewalks on major roads. The City does not clear sidewalks and driveways on private property except for residents with accessibility issues	No owner of private property abutting a portion of a highway listed in Schedule A (specific location in the downtown area) shall fail to remove or cause to be removed, snow/ice from that portion of the sidewalk that is contiguous to the owner's property line	Every owner or occupant of a building shall keep the roofs of the building and the surrounding lands free of accumulations of snow or ice that might create an accident hazard. This bylaw is applicable to private sidewalks as the City does not clear snow from driveways or private sidewalks leading to a residence.	Owner, except where snow removal service is provided by the Municipality, shall remove all snow and ice, (a) from any sidewalk which abuts any side of their property; provided, however, that where a property containing a detached one-family dwelling unit, a duplex dwelling or a semi-detached dwelling unit as defined in the Land Use Bylaws has frontage on a street at both the front and rear of the property, the owner shall not be required to remove the snow and ice from a sidewalk which is part of the street at the rear of the property, where the street at the front of the property is defined as the street on which the property has its civic address, and (b) from any pathway leading from a sidewalk abutting their property to the roadway, and (c) between any sidewalk abutting their property and a crosswalk	The owner or occupier of any parcel of real property shall, not later than 10:00 a.m. every day, remove snow and ice from any sidewalk adjacent to such parcel for a distance that coincides with the parcel's property line and for the full width of the sidewalk.
Timelines in the policy	24-48 hours	48 hours generally except in certain locations where the timeline 24 hours as specified in the Bylaw	The Community Standards Bylaw #14600 does not provide a timeframe for snow removal but as a guideline, the City recommends within 48 hours of a given snowfall.	Removal should be within 24 hours	Removal should be before 9:00 am in the winter and 8:30 am at all other times except when there is a heavy snowfall. In such cases, removal should be within 48 hours	N/A	Timelines were not mentioned in this bylaw	When any lands are not maintained pursuant to the requirements of this by-law, the Director shall send a Notice, by registered mail or direct delivery of the Notice by hand to the owner or occupant's last known address, requiring the owner or occupant to make the lands conform to the requirements of this by-law, and the Notice shall specify the time allowed for compliance.	within twelve hours after the end of any snowfall or, where the snow stops falling during the night, six hours after daylight	10 a.m every day
Fine	not exceeding \$2000 for individuals and \$5000 for corporations	-for a first offence, of \$100 -for a second offence, of \$200; -for a third or subsequent offence, of not less than \$200 and not more than \$1,000 in the case of an individual or \$2,000 in the case of a corporation.	\$100.00	-The cost is a minimum flat rate of \$150 plus GST and an administration fee. The amount will be added to the owner's annual property tax if not paid by the invoice due date. -A fine of \$250 to the property occupant for a first offence. Repeat offenders may be fined \$500 for a second offence and \$750 for a third offence and each offence thereafter within a 12-month period.	\$100 for first offence, \$200 for the second offence and \$300 for the third or subsequent offence	N/A	Specific fines were not mentioned.	A person who is convicted of an offence under this by-law is liable, for each day or part of a day that the offence continues, to a minimum fine of \$500.00 and a maximum fine of \$10,000.00 and the total of all daily fines for the offence is not limited to \$100,000.00 as provided for in subsection 429(3)1. of the Municipal Act, 2001. (By-law No. 2013-383)	The Municipality's cost in removing the snow and ice pursuant to subsection (2) shall constitute a lien against the property which shall be applied and enforced in the same manner as for rates and taxes under the Assessment Act.	not less than \$250.00 and not exceeding \$2,000.00.
Enforcement Process	Where a person fails to do anything required by this Bylaw, the City or any Bylaw Enforcement Officer may, in default of its being done by that person, do the thing at the expense of the person in default, and the City may recover the expenses of doing so with costs by action in any Court of competent jurisdiction, in the same manner as municipal taxes or by adding the expenses to, and thereby they form part of, the taxes on the land on which or with respect to which the work is done.	The administration and enforcement of this Bylaw is delegated to the General Manager, Community Services Department for The City of Saskatoon who is authorized to further delegate the administration and enforcement of this Bylaw to bylaw inspectors.	A ticket is issued as a bylaw offence for failing to remove snow and/or ice from the sidewalk. The invoice is for the cost of the snow/ice removal on the sidewalks adjacent to the property. The City sends a contractor to remove all snow and ice to ensure the safety and accessibility for all pedestrians.	The Bylaw Enforcement Officer at the City is responsible for ensuring compliance to the regulations once violations are reported	The Director of Planning and Development Services is responsible for this and may delegate enforcement of the Bylaw to Bylaw Enforcement Officers who may issue a Clean Sidewalk Notice to the owner to clear the sidewalk within 48 hours	N/A	The Bylaw Enforcement Officer at the City is responsible for ensuring compliance to the regulations once violations are reported. This officer may levy a fine for the offence in accordance with Ontario's Provincial Offence Act	Manager, By-law and Regulatory Services (otherwise referred to as the Director in the bylaw), in the Emergency and Protective Services Department of the City of Ottawa or authorized representative is responsible for enforcing the bylaw	(1) Where the owner fails to remove snow or ice from sidewalks or structures as required by this By-law, the Engineer or a peace officer may serve an Order to Remove Snow and Ice from Sidewalks upon the owner by posting the Order in a conspicuous place upon the property. (2) If the owner fails to comply with the Order to Remove Snow and Ice from Sidewalks within 24 hours of service of the Order, the Engineer or a peace officer may remove such snow and ice and may recover the cost of such work from the owner.	
SNOW ANGELS PROGRAM: Snow clearing for seniors and people with health concerns/mobility restrictions	Provides grants to the following organizations: Eden Care Communities, Al Ritchie Community Association and Cathedral Area Community Association who help provide these services for free	The City encourages residents to lend a helping hand to those with mobility restrictions. They do encourage residents to nominate residents who voluntarily provide assistance for recognition. For seniors/people with mobility issues, such persons are also referred to Saskatoon Services for seniors, a charitable organization which performs the snow clearing service for a fee ranging from \$25-\$30 per hour	Edmonton used to have a Snow Angels program that rewarded people who shovelled a neighbours' walk with a thank-you letter from the mayor and chance to win prizes. Low participation saw it cancelled in 2016, replaced with a program called Seniors Home Supports Program, that refers seniors to external agencies for assistance. Seniors are not charged for referrals but they will pay a fee to the service provider for completing the work. The City of Edmonton is offering snow removal subsidies to those seniors that qualify through this program. Previously, Community-based 'snow angels' program, community leagues recognize and encourage their community to keep sidewalks clear//Used to be a nomination program (100k/year program)//"Shovelling help for seniors" - Seniors contact a service provider to discuss the work they need done	Community-Based snow removal programs exist across Calgary, and provide assistance to seniors. //Calgary Snow Angels program encourages residents to be good neighbours for older adults and those with limited mobility. A. Adopt a sidewalk program - adopt your own sidewalk and clear when it snows. B. Calgary schools invited to complete volunteer hours through shovelling snow for residents.	Doesn't have a snow angel program	The City itself doesn't have a snow angel program, however, such a program is run by a charitable organization, Take Pride Winnipeg. This organization offers the snow angel program (among other yard care initiatives)//matches student volunteers with seniors, and those with fixed income/disability/Encourage residents to be good neighbours and shovel snow. In the Snow Clearing & Ice Control Policy, Private crosswalks between the sidewalk and the curb shall be cleared to a width of 0.7 metres by City forces/Contractors, after the street clearing operations are completed, for property owners/occupants who sign a declaration on an annual basis to the effect that: the property-owner/occupant is physically incapable of shovelling snow (copy of medical certificate required), no other able-bodied person resides in the property owner's/occupant's house, the property owner/occupant is unable to arrange having this work done by others due to financial circumstances.	Doesn't have a snow angels program	The Snow Go Program provides a matching service for seniors and people with disabilities looking to hire an individual or contractor to clear snow from private driveways and walkways. Residents who participate in this program are responsible for paying the individual or contractor removing the snow. There's also The Snow Go Assist Program which provides financial assistance to eligible low-income seniors or persons with disabilities. And there's a snow angel program where residents can nominate snow angels for recognition by the City	YMCA Senior Snow Removal is a YMCA program – in partnership with the city of Halifax – for seniors, and persons with disabilities which provides a subsidized snow removal service to create safe access. The YMCA pays all service fees directly to the contractor on behalf of program participants. The Halifax Regional Municipality provides an annual contribution of \$400,000 in support of this program which allows the YMCA to serve about 450 households. Once maximum capacity is attained however, the program is closed and individuals will be placed on a wait list.	Has a roster of snow angel volunteers to help out at any point in time. Residents can phone 311 to request a Snow Angel, which will be assigned to clear the public portion of the sidewalk. There's an online registration form for residents who wish to become a snow angel. They have to provide details such as location(s), number of residents they're willing to help, etc
Incentive/Recognition (Snow Angels Program)		Nominated residents will receive thanks from the City, and be entered into prize draw	Snow Angels can win a Boston Pizza Party	Volunteer hours for students//official recognition		Volunteer hours for students		Recognized with a certificate signed by the Mayor and a custom keychain with a snowflake symbol		
Cost/Funding (Snow Angels Program)			2,000 in posters/advertising materials			17K in funding to deliver program				
Model Type (Volunteer Match, Non-profit led, Awareness Campaign) -Snow Angels Program		Awareness/Recognition	Awareness Campaign, encouraging people to keep pathways clean	Awareness Campaign//Also have a list of orgs that provide snow removal available to the public		Non-Profit led, volunteer match/awareness. Students are paired with residents closest to them		Awareness Program, provides recognition to volunteers		Volunteer match program. Residents who volunteer are added to an active roster of volunteers, and matched with a resident in need

Other Municipalities

Medicine Hat: They have a Bylaw-Expecting the snow to be cleared within 24 hours. Their model type includes -Note of recognition from the person you have helped (snow angel)//Usually send a thank you card, and \$5 to coffee shop. Awareness Campaign, encourages volunteers to offer assistance to those who need.

Windsor: They have a Bylaw-Expecting the snow to be cleared within 12 hours. Their model type includes -Draws to win tablets, recreation cards//Community volunteer hours for students

Hamilton: They have a Bylaw-Expecting the snow to be cleared within 24 hours, provincial penalties. Their model type includes -Winter hat, gloves, socks, volunteer appreciation event//Volunteer hours for high school students. City coordinated, Volunteer Match program