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# Council Policy

## Snow and Ice Control for Parks and Civic Properties

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### 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

3. Paved pathways within a Priority 1 property will be cleared to bare pavement within 48 hours of the accumulation of snow or ice.
4. Paved pathways within a Priority 2 property will be cleared to bare pavement within 72 hours of the accumulation of snow or ice.
5. 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.
6. Paved parking lots, access roads or pathways that are not cleared will be gated and/or signed appropriately.

7. 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**

Resolution: R0711/22/09/26

Replacing: R242/16/04/04