

LESSONS LEARNED: **Active Transportation** Routes in Nanaimo During February Snows - Problems and Solutions John Dacombe







CITY POLICIES VERSUS REALITY

PEDESTRIANS

BICYCLES

TRANSIT

COMMERCIAL VEHICLES

CARS

14 | Page

The transportation system can support these land use patterns with appropriate investments to enable and encourage people to walk, cycle, and use transit. As part of the NTMP, the public and stakeholders provided input and guidance on the priorities for developing the Plan as well as future investments in the City's transportation system. The hierarchy of modes shown below proposes that the City consider the needs of pedestrians, cyclists, public transit, and goods and services movements before that of private automobiles. By considering needs of these priority modes, future transportation plans, programs and projects will provide better, safer and more convenient solutions and encourage over time more people to walk, cycle, and ride the bus.

City of Nanaimo



COMMUNICATIONS

All News

News
Releases

Public Notices

Events

Sat Feb 16

In nanaimo.ca

In na

Blog

Calendar

Community Photos

Videos

City Council

City Bylaws

Budget & Finance

Boards & Committees

Elections

Departments & Contacts

Careers

Projects

Document Library

Tourism

Maps & Data

Freedom of Information

City crews clearing priority routes, garbage/recycling collection cancelled

NEWS RELEASE - Distributed February 11, 2019 12:57 PM

Summary

The weather forecasters have been calling for snow for a few days, and yesterday Mother Nature delivered the heaviest snowfall of the season to the Nanaimo area with more snow expected today.

On the roads, City crews have been clearing snow focusing on priority routes such as main roads and emergency routes. With the break in snowfall, they will focus on secondary routes and, if it doesn't snow again, will move onto tertiary routes. Winter driving conditions continue on Nanaimo roads with packed snow and ice surfaces on main routes and secondary routes. Motorists are reminded to drive with extreme care, stay well back from snowplows and avoid driving unless necessary.

City sanitation crews have been reassigned to clearing roads and will not be collecting garbage, organics and recycling Monday, February 11, 2019. Residents who have collection scheduled for today are asked to bring carts back from the curb so plows can clear the roads.

In City parks and facilities, crews are out clearing walkways into City buildings, downtown sidewalks with City-owned properties (including Maffeo Sutton Park) and the E&N Trail as first priorities. The public is reminded that trails, boardwalks,

1:19 PM Sat Feb 16 ⊕ 80%

 ■ nanaimo.ca To report any concerns or issues in Nanaimo's parks and trails, please contact Nanaimo Parks & Recreation at 250-756-5200 or email parksandrecreation@nanaimo.ca. To stay updated on City-related snowfall announcements, please check www.nanaimo.ca or follow CityofNanaimo on Facebook and Twitter. Strategic Link: Taking responsibility to be an excellent municipal government. **Key Points** • City crews are clearing roads 24 hours per day with emergency routes and arterial roads being the priority. The City plows priority routes first. These consist of emergency routes and arterial roads. Secondary roads such as collector routes will be cleared after the priority routes are cleared. Residential streets and culs-de-sac are targeted to be cleared within 96 hours of snowfall. Residents who have garbage collection scheduled for today will have the opportunity to place an extra bag (up to 50 lbs) during their scheduled collection on February 26. Extra City personnel will be on-hand to collect the extra bag. Pools, arenas and recreation facilities remain open. All Play & Learn Programs (both AM & PM) are can telled. Phone 250-756-5200 for updates on other registered recreation programs. Some may be cancelled based on instructor availability. · Residents and businesses are reminded to clear their sidewalks within 24 hours of snowfall. Quotes "We saw more snow on the island than was predicted



COMMUNICATIONS

As for enforcement against those who don't clear their sidewalks, LaBerge said that also creates challenges. The bylaw department is traditionally thin on staff and it would be nearly impossible to equitably hand out tickets.



OPERATIONS





OPERATIONS





ENFORCEMENT

8:28 AM Sat Feb 16

a nanaimonewsnow.com

〒 ⊕ 79% ■

The City's current bylaw dictates individual property owners are responsible for clearing sidewalks adjacent to their homes and businesses. People can be fined for not doing so in a timely fashion, but such a punishment happens rarely or not at all.

Dave LaBerge, the City's community safety manager, said the approach of the bylaw, which pre-dates his time with the City, is basically that significant snow events are rare and the hope is citizens will be "good community stewards" and clear sidewalks.

LaBely, e said there are roughly 325 kilometres of sidewalk in Nanaimo and the radiity is the City does at have the manpower or equipment to clear them and does with emergency and bus rough, at the same time. They've been incompared with calls and emails about the matter this week, he said.

"We have to strike a balance. We have to be patient and understand it's relatively rare," LaBerge said.

"Ya, we could create a lot more equipment and infrastructure but then that's going to come with a cost that's going to come down to higher taxes, which nobody wants. On the other hand, somebody might say 'I have a wheelchair and I can't get around in these conditions and it's a real imperative we do this.' That's a valid position as well."

He said it's not practical to expect community members to handle all the sidewalks, noting several challenges he's witnessed himself this week.

"Privately contracted plows pushing all the snow from one area and it starts to accumulate on the walkways. You now expect a private citizen to clear that packed ice off the footpaths? I don't know if that's always practical."

As for enforcement against those who don't clear their sidewalks, LaBerge said that also creates challenges. The bylaw department is traditionally thin on staff and it would be nearly impossible to equitably hand out tickets.

SOLUTIONS

- BETTER COMMUNICATIONS WITH THE PUBLIC
- BETTER INTERNAL COMMUNICATIONS WITH STAFF
 - CONSISTENT MESSAGING
 - BETTER OPERATIONAL PROTOCOLS
 - PROACTIVE ENFORCEMENT
 - OR AT LEAST REACTIVE ENFORCEMENT
 - A CULTURE CHANGE AT THE CITY

COMMENTS?

QUESTIONS?

	_
	71
()
١.	ノロ

From Jan 01, 2017 To Dec 31, 2017

Bylaw Section	Description	No. of Offences	Fines	Levy Adi	Write Offs	Payments	Discounts	Dofundo	Outstandin
Section	Description	Offences	rines	Auj	Olis	rayments	Discounts	Returnus	Outstandin
10.	FEED DEER OR FERAL RABBITS	1	100.00	0.00	0.00	-75.00	-25.00	0.00	0.00
4.1	DOG AT LARGE	72	7,200.00	750.00	-950.00	-3,825.00	-625.00	0.00	2,550.00
4.2	RESTRICTED/VICIOUS DOG NO MUZZ	14	7,000.00	-125.00	-1,000.00	-1,875.00	-500.00	0.00	3,500.0
4.3	FAIL ENCLOSE VICIOUS DOG	1	500.00	0.00	-500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
4.5	DOG IN A CEMETERY	1	100.00	0.00	-100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
5.1	FAIL TO LICENSE DOG	135	6,750.00	1,132.50	-1,600.00	-1,507.50	-150.00	0.00	4,625.0
6.1	IN VEHICLE W/O ADEQUATE VENTILA	1	500.00	0.00	0.00	-375.00	-125.00	0.00	0.0
6.3	DOG TETHERED INCORRECTLY	1	100.00	0.00	-100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
7.B	POULTRY/RABBITS AT LARGE	1	50.00	12.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	62.5
8(C)	EXCEED MAX CHIICKEN/DUCK	1	100.00	25.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	125.0
8.A	KEEP LIVESTOCK, POULTRY RABBITS	1	100.00	0.00	-100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
	,								
3YLAW 4923 T	OTALS	229	22,500.00	1,795.00	-4,350.00	-7,657.50	-1,425.00	0.00	10,862.5
000	TRAFFIC & HIGHWAYS REGULATION B	YLAW 1993							
22(1)	FAIL TO REMOVE SNOW, ICE, RUBBIS	8	600.00	0.00	-600.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
29	BROADCAST FROM A VEHICLE	1	100.00	0.00	-100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
3(1)	DRIVE ON SIDEWALK OR BOULEVAR	2	150.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	150.0
3(12)	EARTH, MUD OR ROCKS ON HIGHWA	2	200.00	25.00	0.00	-175.00	-25.00	0.00	25.0
3(14)	REMOVE NOTICE OR TICKET	1	75.00	0.00	-75.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
3(19)(A)	TRUCK EXCEED MAXIMUM GVW	3	300.00	0.00	-100.00	-150.00	-50.00	0.00	0.0
3(19)(B)	TRUCK FAIL TO USE DIRECT ROUTE	8	800.00	0.00	-100.00	-375.00	-125.00	0.00	200.0
3(2)	SKATE/SKATEBOARD ON HWY	13	975.00	93.75	-150.00	-150.00	-18.75	0.00	750.0
3(20)	JAY WALKING	1	50.00	12.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	62.5
3(23)	LITTERING	8	800.00	25.00	-100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	725.0
3(24)	WORK IN STREETS WITHOUT PERMIT	1	100.00	0.00	0.00	-100.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
3(27)	SPEEDING WITHIN MUNCIPALITY	2	200.00	25.00	0.00	-75.00	-25.00	0.00	125.0
3(28)	DISOBEY TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICE	2	200.00	0.00	0.00	-150.00	-50.00	0.00	0.0
3(31)(1)	FAIL TO STOP RED LIGHT	2	200.00	0.00	-100.00	-75.00	-25.00	0.00	0.0
3(34)	DRIVER OVER NEWLY PAINTED LINES	1	75.00	0.00	-75.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
3(39)(B)(IV)	U-TURN AT INTERSECTION	1	100.00	0.00	0.00	-75.00	-25.00	0.00	0.0
3(41)(1)	FAIL TO YIELD AFTER STOP	1	100.00	0.00	0.00	-75.00	-25.00	0.00	0.0
3(47)	UNLAWFULLY ENTER/REMAIN IN CITY	69	6,900.00	250.00	0.00	-75.00	0.00	0.00	7,075.0
3(6)	OBSTRUCT TRAFFIC	3	300.00	25.00	-100.00	-75.00	-25.00	0.00	125.0
3.1	DISOBEY DIRECTION OF PEACE OFFI	1	100.00	25.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	125.0
3.3	UNNECESSARY NOISE	1	100.00	0.00	-100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
3.6.1	SOLICIT AS TO CAUSE OBSTRUCTION	2	300.00	37.50	0.00	-112.50	-37.50	0.00	187.5
33(4)	PLACE STRUCTURE ON HIGHWAY	6	600.00	50.00	-100.00	-275.00	-50.00	0.00	225.0
33(9)	DRIVE VEHICLE OR ANIMAL OVER CU	1	100.00	25.00	-125.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
4(1)	PARK ON SIDEWALK/BOULEVARD	81	2,835.00	253.75	-910.00	-1,128.75	-175.00	0.00	875.0
/			=,000.03	2000	0.0.00	.,		00	0.0.0













CHEKNEWS.CA