



## THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF TAY APPROVED COUNCIL POLICIES MANUAL

<b>SUBJECT: Public Works Snow Ploughing</b>	<b>EFFECTIVE DATE: November 12, 2014</b>
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**Purpose:** To determine the level of service for snow removal on municipal roads that are in excess of depths listed in "Table - Snow Accumulation" within the time frame set out.

### **Level of Service:**

- The priority of snow clearing for roadways will be in numerical order listed in "Table - Snow Accumulation", beginning with Class 3. Class 4 and Class 5 roads can be started at the same time as the Class 3 roads.
- While snow continues to accumulate, deploy resources to clear snow as soon as practical, after becoming aware of the fact the snow accumulation on the roadway is greater than the depths and is within the time listed in "Table - Snow Accumulation".
- For major snow events resources may be reassigned to the arterial roads listed in "Table - Tay Township's Arterial Road Network" to ensure proper access through the Township for emergency vehicles and access to Provincial Highways for local traffic. The Township recognizes that some arterial roads listed in "Table - Tay Township's Arterial Road Network" are Class 4 and Class 5, however due to their significance in providing access through the municipality the Township will consider them as a priority, and they will be maintained to the service level of an arterial road.
- If a winter event becomes so severe that the winter event response cannot safely continue, all operations involved in the clearing of snow accumulation will be suspended until conditions improve. In the event that operations are suspended, EMS and school boards are to be notified.
- Clearing of windrowed snow at all residential and commercial entrances are the responsibility of the property owners.
- If snow pack becomes slushy due to mild temperatures but is less than the depths listed in "Table - Snow Accumulation", then snow ploughing operations may begin as soon as practical. Priority remains the same as with "Table - Snow Accumulation".



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- The Township shall maintain a minimum of a 6m roadway. If snow banks reach a height of 1.5m then high winging operations may begin at intersections and areas of known poor visibility or drifting.
- If plough operators are unable to continue their snow removal due to illegally parked vehicles, the operators are to pick up the wing and plough, avoiding leaving a pile of snow on the road, then continue on around the illegally parked vehicle and call by-law enforcement to have the vehicle ticketed or removed. If the operator cannot continue on around the vehicle for whatever reason, they are to contact by-law and once the vehicle is removed then go back to finish snow removal.
- This level of service does not apply to parking lanes.
- To clarify for the purpose of this policy, "the Township has become aware" means the scheduled road patroller has identified the need for service, through weather monitoring and/or road patrol, has identified the need for application of abrasives or, management or scheduled road patroller has been informed of the conditions by the Ontario Provincial Police or, through weekdays, Township management has patrolled and identified the need for service. If any one of those conditions is not met then the roads are deemed to be in a state of good repair.

The road classes listed in Table - Snow Accumulation are as defined in *Ont. Reg. 239/02*. Roads that the Township consider arterial are listed in Table - Tay Township's Arterial Road Network.

All terminology and definitions described in this policy are as defined in *Ont. Reg. 239/02*. or *Ont. Reg. 47/13*

**Table - Snow Accumulation**

<b>Class of Roadway</b>	<b>Depth</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Surface Condition</b>
3	8cm	12 hours	Snow pack
4	8cm	16 hours	Snow pack
5	10cm	24 hours	Snow pack



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**Table - Tay Township's Arterial Road Network**

<b>Arterial Road</b>	<b>From</b>	<b>To</b>
Park St	Highway 12	Richard
Richard St	Park St	Albert St
Albert St	Richard	North Limit
William St	Highway 12	Albert St
Talbot St	Highway 12	First Ave
First Ave	Talbot St	North Limit
Triple Bay Rd	Highway 12	North Limit
Ogden's Beach Rd	Highway 12	North Limit
Pine St	Highway 12	North Limit
Sturgeon Bay Rd	Highway 12	Pine St
Coldwater Rd	Pine St	Duck Bay Road
Quarry Rd	Duck Bay Road	Highway 400 Overpass Limit
West Service Rd	Port Severn Rd	Quarry Rd