

**2023 Recommendation to Revise the Winter Maintenance Policy SER-009-026****Report Purpose**

To bring forward recommendations for minor revisions to the Winter Maintenance Policy.

**Recommendation**

THAT revised Policy SER-009-026 Winter Maintenance Policy – Roads, Sidewalks, and Parking Lots, as set out in Enclosure 2 of the Transportation Engineering and Operations report, be approved.

**Our Strategic Goals**

Goal 2 - Healthy and Safe Community

Goal 2 Priority - A diverse, welcoming, inclusive, and an accessible community for all

**Report**

Strathcona County is updating a few areas for clearing priorities to better align with the overall network approach to winter maintenance. The following locations are being proposed within the updated Winter Maintenance Policy.

The residential streets within Ardrossan currently fall within a Rural Priority 4 roadway; however, they are treated as a hybrid with snow being windrowed and removed with the urban snow route clearing. The proposed changes would define the local residential roadways within Ardrossan as Urban Priority 4 roadways, which would be cleared on the same frequency as the residential streets within Sherwood Park.

Clarity has also been added to the Policy regarding several of the country residential subdivisions outside the Urban Service Area that are constructed to an urban standard. Changes to the policy have been made to clarify that the neighbourhoods of Balmoral Heights, Fountain Creek Estates, Meadow Hawk, and Sherwood Country Club Estates are being cleared at an Urban Priority 4 standard. This will be a change for the neighbourhood of Meadow Hawk that had previously been cleared to an Urban Priority 3 standard. This change will align Meadow Hawk with other comparable neighbourhoods.

The proposed policy update includes updated language and clarification to align better with the current approach to winter maintenance and operational policies.

**Council and Committee History**

September 13, 2023      Priorities Committee was provided with an update on winter maintenance.

June 21, 2022              Priorities Committee was provided with an update on winter maintenance and trail public engagement report back information.

**Other Impacts**

**Policy: SER-009-026**

**Legislative/Legal:** n/a

**Financial/Budget:** n/a

**Interdepartmental:** n/a

**Master Plan/Framework:** n/a

**Communication Plan**

If approved, changes will be communicated by letter to directly impacted residents in the neighbourhoods outlined above. The information will also be updated on the website.

**Enclosures**

- 1 SER-009-026 Winter Maintenance Policy – Roads, Sidewalks, and Parking Lots
- 2 SER-009-026 Winter Maintenance Policy – Roads, Sidewalks, and Parking Lots  
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