



## City Crews Working Around the Clock to Sand and Salt Streets

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VICTORIA, BC — City streets crews are working around the clock to clear streets of snow and ice but continue to face challenges posed by freezing temperatures and high winds.

In less than 48 hours over 200 tonnes of salt has been applied. Main roads and emergency routes are generally clear and crews are working to salt and sand all city side streets by end of day.

High winds are creating new challenges as snow is drifting back onto cleared roads and salt is blowing off the roads.

Below zero temperatures have frozen the melting snow from yesterday, resulting in slippery conditions for City trucks and making clearing more challenging. Crews are focusing on salting the roads to melt the ice and sanding to provide traction for vehicles.

With 20 pieces of snow removal equipment deployed, including six plows, and more salt arriving today, crews are working around the clock to clear city streets and sidewalks in front of civic buildings before any more snow arrives. Environment Canada forecasts snow flurries for Wednesday.

Garbage collection has also been affected due to slower travel times for trucks and snow and ice hampering backyard service. Collection is delayed and those missed today will be picked up next week. Residents are asked to bring their cans to the curb this week if possible or wait until next week when the City of Victoria will allow two cans instead of one.

Property owners are reminded that they are responsible for clearing their sidewalks to ensure walkways are safe and passable.

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