



City Crews Are Busy Clearing Roads with More Snow Expected

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VICTORIA, BC — Environment Canada has issued a snowfall warning of 10 cm with winds of 60 to 70 gusting to 90 km/h. In response, Victoria's Public Works crews are out in force ploughing and salting City streets. Crews are focusing road clearing on emergency routes first, followed by main arterial routes, hills, bridge decks and access routes to hospitals, fire stations and police headquarters.

City crews are also busy clearing downtown transit stops and wheelchair ramps, as well as sidewalks fronting City properties, and applying ice melt.

Priority roadways and sidewalks/frontages may be completed up to 72 hours after a snowfall, provided the snow stops falling. Only then will secondary and collector roads be cleared, followed by residential streets.

Victoria residents and businesses are reminded they are responsible for clearing the sidewalks fronting their properties of snow and ice by 10 a.m. each day. Those who do not comply with the City's Streets and Traffic Bylaw may face a fine of \$150 per ticketed offence (per day).

Using environmentally friendly ice melt products is highly recommended as rock salt is harmful to concrete sidewalks, pets' paws and the environment. Please help those neighbours who are disabled or elderly with snow and ice removal.

Police and Fire vehicles have outfitted their vehicles with chains. Residents are asked to take transit home during their afternoon commute, if possible.

Roads need to be clear for crews to plough. Motorists whose vehicles are parked on-street are asked to move them to use off-street facilities.

For more information on how the City of Victoria prioritizes its snow and ice response, and the role and responsibilities of Victoria citizens, please visit: www.victoria.ca/snowclearing

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