City Crews Busy Clearing Roads with More Snow Expected

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VICTORIA, BC — 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.

Motorists are asked to stay off roads, wherever possible. 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 so that people can walk safely to where they need to go.

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.

Emergency vehicles are being outfitted with chains.

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 it snow and ice response, and the role and responsibilities of Victoria citizens, please visit: www.victoria.ca/snowclearing

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