Prepare for More Snow and Wind

Date: Wednesday, February 23, 2011

VICTORIA, BC — With more snow forecast and winds of 40 to 60 km/hour, City crews are in full force ploughing and salting streets 24/7. The focus will remain on clearing main arteries and emergency routes, shifting to side streets tonight.

City crews continue to clear 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 for safety and to provide emergency vehicles access. As roads need to be clear for crews to plough, motorists whose vehicles are parked on-street are asked to move them off-street or to parkades.

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 safely walk to where they need to go. 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.

The Crystal Pool and Fitness Centre will close early tonight at 9 p.m., reopening at 9 a.m. tomorrow. Skating programs and lessons are cancelled for Thursday, February 24, 2011 at the Save-On-Foods Memorial Centre.

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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