Road Crews Continue in Full Force to Clear Snow

Date: Wednesday, January 18, 2012

VICTORIA, BC — Snow has been falling faster than can be cleared this morning, even with City crews ploughing and salting streets through the night. Motorists are asked to stay off roads wherever possible and to take public transit.

Updates:

- There will be no garbage pick-up today in Victoria. Next week, crews will collect two cans per household to make up for the missed day.

- The Cook Street Playground open house scheduled for today has been postponed. It will take place on Wednesday, February 1, 2012 from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Victoria Lawn Bowling Club.

- On-street parking rates are not in effect today. Drivers are asked to park off-street and in parkades where possible to make way for snow ploughs.

- 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. Please do not shovel snow and ice into the street as this is a safety hazard and makes snow clearing more difficult.

Crews are focusing on road clearing on emergency routes first, followed by main arterial routes, hills, bridge decks and access routes to hospitals, fire stations and police headquarters. Crews are also clearing priority sidewalks which include downtown transit stops and wheelchair ramps, and sidewalks fronting City properties downtown.

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

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