



Fishing Lake Metis Settlement Snow Removal Policy #007/15

PURPOSE: The purpose of this Policy is to provide guidelines for the snow removal of the Fishing Lake Metis Settlement, which consists of approximately 152 kms of roadways and eligible member's driveways.

DEFINITIONS:

"Equipment" means mechanized & powered machines appropriately equipped for snow removal on the roads.

"Eligible Driveways" means that all resident members of the Settlement who are registered members/Seniors or those members who have paid their appropriate annual fee for snow removal from their driveway to their residence.

"Snow Fall" means snow that has fallen and stopped, having a depth of snow 3 inches/7.6 cm or greater.

"Snow Storm" means an on-going snowfall that has already accumulated a depth of snow 3 inches/7.6 cm or greater.

"Settlement Equipment" is snow removal equipment owned by the Fishing Lake Metis Settlement or any of the Fishing Lake Metis Settlements Entities.

"Public Works Director" means the Director of the Public Works Department, responsible for the snow removal for Settlement Roads.

"Freezing Rain" means rain that falls when surface temperatures are below freezing.

"Senior" means a member who is over the age of 65.

"Handicapped" means having a condition that markedly restricts one's ability to function physically, mentally, or socially.

“Member” means a resident member who lives on the Settlement.

“Emergency” means a serious, unexpected, and often dangerous situation requiring immediate action and/or a person with a medical condition requiring immediate treatment.

1. Snow Removal Operations:

(1) Snow removal operations shall commence after a call from the Public Works Director is made and that snow conditions require mobilization;

(2) In the event of a snow fall, snow removal equipment shall be mobilized and snow removal within 2 hours after the snow fall stopped leaving a depth of snow defined herein;

(3) In the event of an on-going snow storm, snow removal equipment shall be mobilized and removing snow within 2 hours after the snow has reached a depth as defined herein;

(4) Snow removal shall continue on a 12 hour per day basis until all 152 kms of roadways and eligible driveways are ploughed of snow that has reached a depth as defined here;

(5) Eligible driveways from main or accessory roads shall be to the residence of the property and to plough snow enough to provide for a school bus to residence of the property and a water truck to turn around (where required).

2. Snow Removal Grid Locations:

(1) Snow removal operations shall commence no later than 2 hours after the Public Works Director has called for mobilization and the equipment shall be assigned a grid location to start ploughing.

(2) The highest priority for snow removal shall be safety for School busses to the main highways, school busses to the J.F.Dion School and Senior's/handicapped.

(3) All roads and driveways to eligible members who are cistern water services and are current with their water payments, shall receive a priority for snow removal.

(4) Local traffic and business traffic shall benefit from snow removal as it is completed for higher priorities.

3. Freezing Rain Conditions:

(1) De-icing will commence as soon as possible.

4. Flag System for Snow Removal:

- (1) Cost per flag will be \$25.00 per flag which will give the member 15 minutes of allotted plow/grader and or back hoe work, upon arrival of the driveway.
- (2) The road or area will only have the snow removed if the road or area is free of all obstructions that may present a hazard to the Equipment of the operator clearing the snow and there is no risk to personal property or infrastructure on the road or area being cleared of snow.

5. Private Driveways Eligible for Snow Removal:

- (1) All members' households are eligible to have their driveways removed of snow at no charge once a month, any other work required will be at the expense of the member.
- (2) All Settlement driveways will be ploughed after the main roads are ploughed;
- (3) For private snow removal a flag must be purchased before the work commences, at the expense of the member and can be purchased with the Finance Department.
- (4) A Disclaimer is to be signed by the member to protect the Fishing Lake Metis Settlement snow removal employees from any damages to private property for this service fee.

Senior's/Handicapped shall receive a priority for private snow removal services.

6. Emergency Snow Removal

In the event of an emergency the Public Works Director will endeavor to commence snow clearing the route required upon receipt of a phone call from the emergency services (ambulance/police/fire).

7. Sanding General

Sand is usually placed only at roadway intersections. It is placed in such a manner to provide a reasonably safe driving surface in the immediate area of any intersection. Sand is only placed between intersections when extremely hazardous conditions exist. This decision is made on the basis of the roadway conditions observed when traveling predetermined routes. If climatic conditions change during any normal working day, any decision to resume sanding or commence sanding will be made by the Public Works Director on the basis of conditions and subsequently commencing sanding operations as required.

After normal working hours, the Public Works director will rely on the night shift staff (standby staff/Heavy equipment Operator, or the Public Works Director). The designated night shift staff and or the Public Works Director will report to or subsequently commence sanding operations as required in hazardous road conditions.

8. Payment Schedule for Snow Removal:

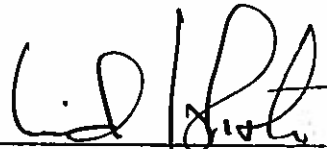
- (1) Payments for private snow removal (flags) must be paid within the finance department before the snow is removed, and attached disclaimer provided.
- (2) Finance will then forward information to the Public Works Director to commence snow removal.

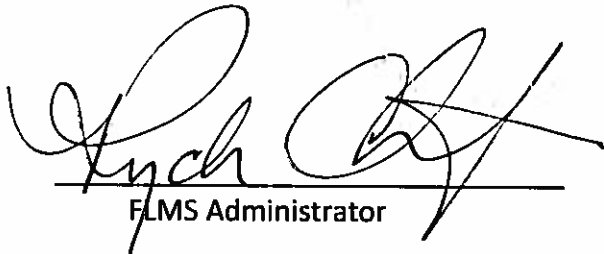
9. Disclaimer is attached in this policy and is referred to herein after as Schedule A.

10. Effective Date

This Policy comes into effect upon adoption by the Fishing Lake Metis Settlement Council.

Dec 7, 2015
Date of Adoption


FLMS Chairperson


FLMS Administrator
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