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**Public Works Team Snow Removal  
A 24-7 Priority Operation**

Cambridge, Ontario. December 3, 2007... The next time snow falls, that wonderful type of precipitation in the form of crystalline water ice consisting of a multitude of snowflakes that descend from clouds, remember there is a team of City of Cambridge Public Works' staff out there keeping the streets clear.

The winter maintenance program is a 24 hour, 7 days-a-week operation. It focuses on 23 plow routes within the City of Cambridge; 8 are considered primary routes which include regional roads and main arteries. The remainder is residential locations and all are a priority for the snow removal team. There's a fleet of 28 plows trucks, 10 of which are equipped with spreaders.

"We continuously monitor the weather reports to make decisions in advance of bad weather predictions," says Phil Dechene, Director of Public Works. Dechene notes that staff are constantly evaluating the process and looking at ways to enhance service delivery.

Snow removal on sidewalks maintained by the City of Cambridge will be cleared 24 hours after a snowfall.

Sidewalk Clearing For Residents

Residents are required to clear snow and ice from sidewalks abutting their property within 24 hours of a snow fall. Sidewalks should be cleared so that persons using wheelchairs, scooters, walkers, strollers, etc. can use the sidewalk safely.

If residents cannot clear their own sidewalk due to health or mobility issues, they may contact Cambridge Home Support - Meals on Wheels at 519.740.9121 for assistance.

To report a concern with the Snow Removal by-law within the City of Cambridge, contact 519.740.4613, Monday to Friday between 8:30 am and 4:30 pm. Callers are encouraged to leave a message if a staff member is not available. The call will be returned within 24 hours as per the City of Cambridge procedure.

The City of Cambridge is one of the fastest growing areas in the country. It is strategically located astride highway 401 in Southwestern Ontario, part of Canada's Technology Triangle. In 2007, the population reached over 124,000 people with a multicultural mix and a strong foundation of support services. Cambridge has a diverse economic base with leading industries in manufacturing, automotive, high technology, pharmaceutical, business and financial services and hospitality/retail. The Corporation of the City of Cambridge is an employer with a work environment that offers the opportunity to provide service to the community through creativity and innovation, and with opportunities for career growth and advancement.

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