

For Immediate Release

Snow Management in the City of Cambridge

Cambridge, Ontario. December 2, 2008... The City keeps roads and sidewalks safe and passable for pedestrians, cyclists and motorists, and we'd like to let you know what our plans are for this winter season and how you can help out.

The winter maintenance program is a 24 hour, 7 days-a-week operation. It focuses on 24 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 plow trucks, 10 of which are equipped with spreaders.

There is a 2008 snow map online that shows the routes and sidewalks maintained by the City. While City by-laws prohibit parking between 2:30 am and 6:00 am, residents are requested to avoid parking on the streets to enable efficient snow removal. Tickets will be issued if there is a by-law infraction; however towing will only occur on major thoroughfares that are essential to clearing operations. 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 36 hours of a snow fall. This timeframe was recently extended to give residents more time to remove snow but citizens are encouraged to act quickly to clear sidewalks in the interest of persons using wheelchairs, scooters, walkers, and strollers so they 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 to see if they qualify for assistance.

To report a concern with the Snow Removal by-law within the City of Cambridge, contact 519.740.4613 ext 7907. Callers are encouraged to leave a message if a staff member is not available. The voicemail line is active 24 hours a day, 7 days a week with by-law officers checking calls on weekends.

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. Based on the 2007 BMA Management Consulting Inc Municipal Study, the City of Cambridge is one of only four municipalities in the province that is debt free.

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