Council Policy
Snow and Ice Control Policy

Program Impacted	Movement of People and Goods: *Edmonton has an accessible and varied transportation system moving people, goods and services efficiently.* Public Safety: *Edmontonians are safe and secure in our community.*
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The City of Edmonton, through its planning, decision-making, and leadership, will ensure that it provides a safe and reliable winter mobility network for people walking, rolling, biking, using transit and driving.

The purpose of this policy is to set snow and ice control guidelines that support the following outcomes for Edmontonians:

- **Safety:** To prevent or reduce collisions, slips, falls and injury to people, and to ensure that emergency responders can reach those who need help.
- **Reliability:** Edmontonians understand when active pathways and roadways are to be cleared and to what standard they are cleared to.
- **Connectivity:** Edmonton's snow clearing approach enables Edmontonians to move safely, whether walking, rolling, biking, using transit or driving, through a mobility network of active pathways and roadways.
- **Accessibility:** Edmonton prioritizes transportation accessibility for all modes, specifically working to minimize barriers for those with mobility challenges to ensure pathways and transit remain functional all winter.

Guiding Principles

These outcomes will be achieved in accordance with the following guiding principles:

- **Operational Excellence:** Operational decisions will be made to create Edmonton-specific solutions based on continuous improvement, fiscal responsibility, evaluation of new technology and processes as well as ongoing monitoring of current practices.
- **Environmental Stewardship:** Safety and reliability of the winter mobility network will be achieved in a manner that protects the environment and infrastructure assets, and promotes climate resilience.
- **Equity:** Prioritization of winter maintenance activities based on equity is required to provide a mobility network that is accessible to people of all abilities and needs, and for all modes of transportation.
- **Shared Responsibility:** Maintaining a safe and livable winter mobility network is a responsibility shared by the City of Edmonton, Edmonton's business community and Edmontonians. Collaboration, co-operation, and partnerships are needed to exercise this responsibility effectively.
- **Public Awareness and Understanding:** The City of Edmonton will take a leadership role in increasing public awareness of winter maintenance activities and will commit to transparency on how it impacts citizens.