

October 12, 2023

Dear Ratepayers:

RE: Snow Removal Policy

It's inevitable, the snow will appear at some point this winter. The RM council would like to remind everyone about the snow removal policy so you may be prepared!

As the owner of the property, if you wish snow removal from your driveway, you will be required to purchase a Red and Yellow Snow Removal Sign from the Municipal Office, for \$60.00 plus GST. This sign is yours to keep and reuse each year.

You will be responsible for placing the sign at the end of the driveway and removing it when the snow has been cleared. If you live adjacent to the highway, you will be requested to phone the office when you require snow removal, as operators do not always use the highway to move through the municipality.

The minimum of charge of \$60.00 per plow will be invoiced monthly. This allows for up to 15 minutes to remove snow from the right of way to the house. Any work or discussion beyond that is chargeable at custom rates. Additional time spent plowing is charged at \$250.00 per hour.

The Snow Plow Custom Work Agreement must be signed previous to any snow removal or work being done. The RM will determine whether the service can be provided without causing damage to property or our equipment in terms of width of driveway and/or turning area.

For renters of any property within the boundaries of the municipality, the landowner must be in agreement. A Snow Plow Custom Work Agreement is required from both the renter and the owner. Prepayment for services may be required.

Priorities for snow removal shall be as follows:

- Bus routes and main roads
- Other maintained roads
- Yards as a last priority

Council would like to also remind ratepayers that snow plowing across municipal roads is not permitted. Keep snow piles on your property and away from the edge of municipal roads. Children should be cautioned of the dangers of playing in or around snow piles adjacent to road ways.

Yours truly,

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