

<b>Hamlet of Parkview in the RM of Marquis 191</b>			
<b>Policy Title:</b> Winter Road Maintenance Policy		<b>Adopted by</b> Hamlet of Parkview Board of Directors	<b>Policy No.</b> 09-2026
<b>Authority</b> Hamlet of Parkview Board of Directors	<b>Jurisdiction</b> RM or Marquis 191	<b>Effective Date:</b> January 20, 2026	<b>Revised Date</b>
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**PREAMBLE:** Consideration has been given to governing acts, regulations, and laws, including but not limited to, The Municipalities Act, relevant Municipalities Regulations, and bylaws.

**PURPOSE:** The OH is committed to providing reasonable access snow removal services for the Hamlet of Parkview.

**DEFINITIONS:**

**Discretions** - shall mean the freedom to decide what should be done.

**OH** - refers to the Hamlet of Parkview Board.

**Reasonable Access** - means the roads within the hamlet are generally passable, with attention focused on clearing areas that are problematic or completely impassable, consistent with the snow removal standards of adjacent communities.

**Road Allowance** - refers to RM owned land adjacent to the roadways including swales, ditches, and culverts.

**Routine Service** - refers to regular routine snow removal service. Routine Service is contingent upon the presence and willingness of available volunteers and the location of the required service.

**RM** - refers to the Rural Municipality of Marquis 191.

**PR** - refers to Public Reserve land owned by the RM.

**Volunteer Operator** - refers to an individual who volunteers their time and has obtained the requisite Power Mobile Equipment Certification and required training required by the Rural Municipality, without remuneration, to operate hamlet equipment for the purpose of executing a task or delivering services that benefit the community or its residents.

## **POLICY PROCEDURE:**

### **9(a) Standard Operating Procedure and Considerations:**

- The OH provides no express or implied warranties or guarantees regarding the quality of service, including, but not limited to, the promptness of service provision, adherence to specified routes, the volume of snow removed, or the spreading of sanding materials.
- Snow removal depends on weather, snowfall severity, volunteer availability, and equipment status. Service may be suspended if temperatures/wind chill reach -30°C or below, or during blizzards, at the discretion of operators/OH, or until conditions improve.
- Ratepayers are entitled to *Reasonable Access* during the winter months.
- *Routine Service* shall exclusively be carried out by volunteers. The provision of this service is contingent upon volunteer availability and may not extend to all sections of the hamlet.
- The provision of sanding services is constrained and contingent upon the availability of volunteer operators.
- Snow clearing and sanding priority is assigned to the designated school bus route and the necessary access for garbage removal services. This clearing may also encompass the laneway of a resident that has been officially designated as a safe turnaround area for school buses.
- No service shall be provided for private property (lanes, yard sites) unless a signed agreement, which may include a fee, is in place.
- Pursuant to the permissions granted by the RM, the OH retains the authority to clear all or designated sections of RR 2260.
- Pursuant to the permissions granted through the Recreational Land Use Permit(s), the OH retains the authority to clear all or designated sections of roads located on crown land.
- Volunteer operators will endeavor to deposit snow onto the road allowance while exercising caution to minimize the accumulation of snow on adjacent driveways.
- The OH and volunteer operators are not responsible for snow that accumulates on driveway entrances as a result of snow removal services.
- The OH is the sole entity authorized to permit the deposition of snow onto the roadway. This authorization may be extended exclusively for specific time periods, which the OH shall communicate to residents periodically via email and the official community Facebook page.
- The OH has the discretion to grant permission to individual residents, contractors, or volunteers who possess personal snow removal equipment, such as plows, snow blowers, or skid-steers, to actively participate in the movement and management of snow accumulation on community roads. This authority is delegated with the understanding that such operations must be coordinated, meet established safety standards, and adhere to the following conditions:
  - **Formal Authorization:** Any individual wishing to utilize personal equipment for snow removal on community roads must first submit a

request to the OH and receive formal, documented authorization *prior* to commencing work.

- **Safety and Liability:** Individuals granted permission must operate their equipment in a safe manner, strictly adhering to all municipal traffic laws and community guidelines. Furthermore, the OH and RM assumes no liability for damages to personal equipment or injuries sustained by the operator or third parties during these voluntary or contractual snow removal efforts.
- **Operational Standards:** The work performed must meet the OH's minimum standard for snow removal of *Reasonable Access*.
- **Snow Disposal:** The authorized individual is responsible for ensuring that any moved snow is deposited in designated areas that do not obstruct traffic flow, drainage systems, fire hydrants, or neighboring properties. The creation of vision-obscuring snowbanks at intersections is strictly prohibited.

#### 9(b) Resident Responsibility for Snow Removal

Residents shall:

- Coordinate their service deliveries appropriately during the winter months, affording the same consideration to these periods as would be given when road bans are in effect;
- Deposit snow on their property, within the road allowance adjacent or closest to their property, or on public reserve land;
- Ensure moved snow is deposited in designated areas that do not obstruct traffic flow, drainage systems, fire hydrants, or neighboring properties. The creation of vision-obscuring snowbanks at intersections is strictly prohibited;
- Be able to access the roadways using their equipment in order to support other residents with snow removal; and
- Be held accountable for all costs associated with the remediation and removal of the improperly deposited snow.