

STARLAND COUNTY POLICY MANUAL

FUNCTION: Roads and Streets

FUNCTION NUMBER: 320

POLICY: PRIVATE LAND SNOW REMOVAL (LANEWAYS AND OTHER)

POLICY NUMBER: 320-13-1

DATE: October 09, 2001

1. The Municipality will provide private land snowplowing operations for laneways and other services like clearing for grain bin access. The snow removal operations will be provided in conjunction with regular snow removal operations, and shall only be undertaken at the discretion of the grader operator, and shall in no way interfere with the regular supply of services and maintenance to the municipality at large.
2. Prior to receiving any snow removal operations on private land, the landowner (or renter by virtue of a lease agreement) must complete a Snowplowing agreement and file same at the municipal office. Any authorized renter must also submit a \$100.00 deposit for snow removal, and this deposit will be applied to future services provided to the renter of a property. If the deposit amount is used for invoices applied, an additional \$100.00 deposit will be required in order for snow removal services to continue. The agreement currently approved and endorsed by Council is attached to and forms part of this policy.
3. A fee of \$50.00 for plowing will be charged to the landowner each time the private laneway snow removal operation is provided. Any time required for any other snow removal operation, other than laneways, will be charged at the hourly rate of \$90.00 per hour. Additional work requested by the landowner will only be provided if in the grader operator's opinion, the additional work requested will not interfere with the normal snow removal operations on municipal roads.
4. The grader operator will observe the following priorities in providing snow removal operations:
 1. Snow removal or maintenance on gravelled school bus routes
 2. Snow removal on local gravelled roads other than school bus routes
 3. Snow removal on private laneways
 4. Snow removal on back roads as authorized by the Public Works Supervisor and Divisional Council Member
 5. Snow removal for bin access / plant access or other requested service

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5. The grader operator and/or Public Works Supervisor may refuse service, if in their opinion, the private work or laneway snow removal operation is unsafe, or can't be reasonably provided because of the size of the grader. In the case where service is refused, the Public Works Supervisor will advise the landowner that the service cannot be provided.
6. The operator can contact landowners in advance of his planned snow removal operations to see if they want or need the service, but the operator is not required to do so.
7. The laneway snow removal service is available to all ratepayers including those residents who live adjacent to a primary or secondary highway not maintained by the grader operator. In these instances, the operator should patrol by the residences affected when they are in the area, or contact the resident to see if the service is required.
8. Grader operators must indicate on their operator records any private billing required in accordance with the snow removal policy.

Policy amendment:

September 22, 1998 Council Meeting - Rate change hourly rate to \$92.40

September 28, 1999 Council Meeting – Rate change to an hourly rate of \$96.60

October 09, 2001 Council Meeting – Rate change to an hourly rate of \$95.76

September 23, 2003 Council Meeting – Rate change to an hourly rate of \$85.00

September 26, 2006 Council Meeting – Rate change to an hourly rate of \$90.00 and laneway rate of \$35.00

October 8, 2013 Council Meeting – Rate change to \$40.00 for laneway plowing

October 8, 2014 Council Meeting – Rate change to \$50.00 for laneway plowing and deposit requirement for renters.