

CITY OF AIRDRIE
Transportation Maintenance Policy

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PURPOSE:

1. The City of Airdrie is responsible for the maintenance of public road rights-of-way, including storm water management, within the geographical boundaries of the City, excluding the Queen Elizabeth II Highway and its associated interchanges. This maintenance responsibility includes, but is not limited to, the regularly scheduled remedial and repair work to provide for a reasonable level of service, safe road conditions and to extend the life of the infrastructure. The City shall provide this service on a priority basis in a cost-effective manner, keeping in mind safety, budgets, personnel and environmental concerns.

OBJECTIVES:

2. The objectives of this policy are:
 1. To provide vehicular traffic with adequate mobility within the City's financial resources.
 2. To help minimize or reduce accidents or injuries.
 3. To extend the life of transportation infrastructure.
 4. To minimize economic loss to the community resulting from restricted transportation routes.
 5. To set the level of service for transportation infrastructure maintenance.

POLICY:

Responsibilities

3. City Council shall:

1. Set and adopt the Transportation Maintenance budget.
2. Set the levels of service.
4. The Public Works Team Leader shall ensure the implementation of the Transportation Maintenance Policy by:
 1. Determining when and how to initiate and perform Transportation Maintenance operations.
 2. Allocating and scheduling Public Works resources.
 3. Obtaining, allocating and scheduling privately held resources.
 4. Addressing public concerns.
 5. Managing the budget.
 6. Recommending Priority Street Map revisions on an annual basis to the City Manager for approval.
5. The Public Works Department shall carry out maintenance in accordance with the Transportation Maintenance Policy, the Transportation Maintenance Procedures, and the instructions of the Public Works Team Leader.

Roadway Priorities

6. The City operates with an approved amount of funds, which are required for a number of purposes. In establishing the Transportation Maintenance Policy, the City must take into consideration its financial resources, its personnel and commitments under the *Municipal Government Act*. Priorities are established to provide the greatest benefit to the majority of the traveling public. In setting priorities, consideration is given to criteria such as traffic volume; road classification; road geometrics; terrain; emergency services; and potential drainage issues.
7. The City has set four priority ratings for roads as follows and as illustrated and identified on the Priority Street Map:
 - Priority 1:** Arterial roads and roads adjacent to areas with concerns of impact relating to water quality and the environment.
 - Priority 2:** Collector roads.
 - Priority 3:** Local roads.

Priority 4: City owned parking lots and lanes.

Public Relations

8. Public Works Administration shall handle all concerns and inquiries. Maintenance activities or information may also be advertised in the "City Connection Page" of the local newspapers and may be included in the Public Works pages on the City website (www.airdrie.ca).

Hours of Operation and Staff Deployment

9. The City will provide maintenance on public road rights-of-way, including storm water management, within the geographical boundaries of the City, excluding the Queen Elizabeth II Highway and its associated interchanges.

Parking Bans

10. Parking bans may be implemented, as required, to provide for maintenance operations. Areas where parking is to be banned will be signed in advance. Vehicles that do not adhere to the parking ban may be towed and the owner of the vehicle shall be responsible for all towing and associated costs.

Gravel Road Maintenance

11. Gravel roads are inspected and maintenance is carried out in order to maintain the road structure and to improve ride quality and safety for motorists.

Paved Road Maintenance

12. Pavement maintenance is carried out in order to extend the life of paved surfaces and to improve ride and safety for motorists. Over time paved surfaces form cracks and surface deterioration leads to potholes and, in some cases, total deterioration of entire sections of pavement.

Gravel Alley Maintenance

13. Gravel lanes are inspected and maintained in order to maintain the road structure and to improve ride quality and safety for motorists.

Street Sweeping

14. Street sweeping is carried out as a maintenance activity with focus on removal of snow and ice control aggregate that has accumulated over winter.

Traffic Control Maintenance


15. Traffic control maintenance is carried out in order to ensure control systems are in place and operating for vehicular and pedestrian traffic safety and mobility. Traffic control systems consist of traffic lights, traffic signs, and street markings.
16. Traffic lights and pedestrian crossings control vehicular and pedestrian traffic in higher traffic volume areas.
17. Traffic signs control and guide vehicular movement throughout the City.
18. Street markings guide and control vehicular and pedestrian movements throughout the City.

Sidewalk Maintenance

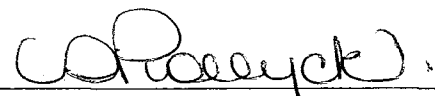
19. Sidewalk maintenance is carried out in order to provide a reasonable walking surface and level of safety for pedestrians.

Procedures

20. This Policy is to be read in conjunction with the Transportation Maintenance Procedures, which set out the manner in which this Policy is to be implemented.



Mayor



City Clerk