



Snow Clearing By-Law

Pursuant to the authority conferred by the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure under the Highway Traffic Act, R.S.N.L, 1990, chapter H.-3, sections 189 and 190 and amendments, and pursuant to the power delegated in accordance with Section 8 of the Towns and Local Service Districts Act, (SNL 2023 T-6.2), the Town Council of Grand Falls-Windsor has made the following Snow Clearing By-Law.

1. This By-Law shall be known and cited as "The Town of Grand Falls-Windsor Snow Clearing By-Law.
2. The occupant or owner of a building used for commercial purposes shall remove all snow and ice from the sidewalk adjoining or adjacent to the building within twenty-four (24) hours after a snow fall or the formation of ice.
3. The owner of vacant land or premises used or once used for commercial purposes, shall clear away and remove all snow and ice from the sidewalk adjoining or adjacent to the vacant land or premises within twenty-four (24) hours after a snow fall or the formation of ice.
4. The Council or any person authorized by Council may clear away and remove snow and ice from the sidewalk adjoining or adjacent to vacant land or premises used or once used for commercial purposes at the expense of the owner of such building, vacant land or premises.
5. Where Council or any person authorized by Council has done work of clearing away and/or removing snow and ice and the owner refuses or neglects to pay the cost of such work within ten (10) days after invoicing, the Council may recover these costs from the owner by action as a civil debt due to the Council.
6. No person shall commit any of the following acts;
 - a) No person shall cause any damage to any sidewalk when clearing away and removing snow and ice.

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- b) No person shall deposit or leave snow or ice on any roadway, sidewalk, or at a fire hydrant location, or move snow or ice across a roadway in a manner that obstructs pedestrian or vehicular traffic, access to a fire hydrant, drainage, or municipal operations.
 - c) No person shall deposit or leave snow or ice onto any municipal parking area or municipal owned properties, including but not limited to parks, playgrounds, athletic fields, trails, or lands surrounding municipal buildings, unless prior written authorization has been granted by the Town.
 - d) No person shall pile snow in a way as to block/cover or obstruct utility boxes, catch basins, storm drains or other municipal infrastructure which can cause flooding during thaws.
 - e) No person being the owner or operator of a commercial business shall permit buildup of snow or ice on eaves, roofs or awnings that overhang public sidewalks and poses a risk to pedestrians.
7. No person shall park an unattended vehicle on any street or Municipal parking area or Municipal owned property during or immediately after a snow fall where it impedes or hinders snow clearing operations.
8. No person shall park an unattended vehicle, regardless of weather conditions upon any town street or Municipal parking area or Municipal owned property during the period from November 1 in each year to April 30, in the following year between the hours of 12 midnight and 8:00 a.m.
9. Any motor vehicle parked contrary to Section 8 and 9 may be ticketed and/or towed away by Council or their representative at the owner's risk and expense, to a place selected by the Council or person so authorized.
10. Notwithstanding the Summary Proceedings Act, any person who violates any of the provisions of these regulations, shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine.

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11. Offence

- (1) A person who contravenes a provision of these By-Laws or who neglects or refuses to comply with a provision of these By-Laws commits an offence contrary to section 289(1)(f) of the Towns and Local Service Districts Act.
- (2) Each day upon which the same offence is committed or continued is a separate offence in accordance with section 289(3) of the Towns and Local Service Districts Act.
- (3) Every person who commits an offence under these By-Laws may:
 - (a) be subject to an Order pursuant to section 285(1) of the Towns and Local Service Districts Act;
 - (b) be issued a Violation Notice pursuant to section 287 of the Towns and Local Service Districts Act; or
 - (c) where the Town Council has not issued a violation notice, or where a violation notice has been issued but not complied with, be charged by way of summons, including a summons issued by means of a ticket under the Provincial Offences Act, pursuant to section 288 of the Towns and Local Service Districts Act.

12. Violation Notice

- (1) Where a person contravenes a provision of these By-Laws, the Town Council may issue a Violation Notice in accordance with section 287 of the Towns and Local Service Districts Act.
- (2) Where the Council issues a Violation Notice to a person in respect of a contravention of these By-Laws, that person may make a voluntary out of court payment to the Council.
- (3) Where the person makes a voluntary payment to the Council under 12(2) the amount of the voluntary payment shall be:
 - i. \$50.00 if the person makes a voluntary payment to the Council no later than seven (7) days from the date of issuance of a Violation Notice; or
 - ii. \$75.00 if the person makes the voluntary payment after the expiration of the time period in subsection (i), but not later than (14) days from the date of issuance of the Violation Notice.

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- (4) Where the person makes a voluntary payment to the Council under 12(2), no further action will be taken by the Council in respect to the contravention.
- (5) Where the Council issues a Violation Notice to a person, and that person fails to make a voluntary payment pursuant to section 12(2), the Council shall issue a summons with respect to the contravention noted in the Violation Notice.
- (6) The Council may charge the person referred to in 12(5) by way of summons, including a summons that is issued by means of a ticket under the *Provincial Offences Act*, pursuant to section 288 of the Towns and Local Service District Act.
- (7) Where a person has received a Violation Notice is convicted of an offence with respect to the same subject matter for which the Violation Notice was issued, the penalty for that offence shall be \$100.

13. Penalty

Pursuant to Section 290 of the Act, any person who violates any provision of these By-Laws shall be guilty of an offence and be liable on summary conviction;

- a) for a first offence to a fine of not less than \$100 and not more than \$1,000 or to a term of imprisonment of not more than one month or to both the fine and imprisonment;
- b) for a subsequent offence to a fine of not less than \$1,000 and not more than \$2,000 or to a term of imprisonment of not more than 3 months or to both the fine and imprisonment.



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