

## **SNOW PLOWING POLICIES**

With the start of our Winter Season, your Public Works Department would like to remind the Citizens of Fort Fairfield that our responsibility to you is to maintain public roads in such a way that they are safe and passable. In order to accomplish this goal it is necessary to have policies in place that may at times create personal inconveniences, for which we apologize. We would ask for your support and understanding of the following policies regarding snow removal.

**Snow Plowing:** With having over 110 miles of roadway and five (5) plow trucks, your Public Works Crews are out in time to have all roadways cleared of snow and sanded. During any snowstorm, it takes our crews approximately three hours to complete clearing of all public roads.

**Snow Removal:** Under normal conditions, our crews will start picking up snow within twenty-four hours after any storm. We start all snow removal by mid-night and ask for your support by not parking vehicles overnight on the street.

**Plowing Snow Into Roadways:** During the snow removal of some citizen's driveways, we have found that snow is being plowed back into the roadway, sidewalks or across the roadway and left. In doing so this causes a problem for our snow plowing as this could freeze and becomes a hazard. It is the Town's Policy that NO SNOW shall be plowed, pushed, or snowblowed back into the travel lanes or plowed area of any roadway, any citizen or contractor who persists in doing this will be issued a summons. "Title-29A, Section 2396-4 Placing Snow/Slush on Public Way - \$153.00 Fine".

**Mail Boxes:** There is no simple answer, we need to plow the roadways and you need to get your mail. Several times mailboxes are down due to the weight of the snow coming off the wings, and not by being hit with the plow. In general a municipality is not liable for any damage done to mail boxes, shrubs, and fences that is located within our right-of-way. Any portable mailboxes (mounted on a rim) should be moved out of the way to allow for clearing of roadway.

**Parking:** We are requesting that no vehicles be left overnight on Main Street from December to May to allow our crews to complete snow plowing and snow removal operations, any vehicle that needs to be moved shall be towed at the owner's expense.

If you any questions regarding any of the above, please feel free to contact myself at 472-3884.

Your Public Works Crew thanks you for your support and understanding.

**Darren Hanson, Director**  
Public Works Department