

**SNOW CLEARING AND MAINTENANCE SERVICES FOR
COMMUNITY CENTERS/AGRICULTURAL SOCIETIES
POLICY#32.1.14**

POLICY STATEMENT

The Council of the County of Wetaskiwin recognizes the contribution residents make to their community through local Community Centres, Agricultural Societies, public places of worship (churches), cemeteries and other non-profit organizations, and that funding for the operation and maintenance of their facilities is limited. As such, it is the intention of the County of Wetaskiwin to support these volunteer agencies through the provision of snow clearing and maintenance services contingent upon County operational requirements and availability of resources.

PROCEDURES

Representatives of Community Centres, Agricultural Societies, public places of worship (churches), cemeteries and other volunteer agencies (the Agency), shall contact the Public Works Department to request snow clearing services. The Agency must execute a waiver indemnifying the County against all claims for damages which may arise from snow clearing and maintenance activities.

Fire Departments are also supported through volunteer efforts and due to the emergent nature of their services, shall be considered a higher priority for snow clearing. Upon request, each County Fire Hall shall be placed upon a snow clearing route on a priority basis. The Fire Hall must execute a waiver indemnifying the County prior to any work being carried out and there shall be no charge to the County Fire Hall for this service.

Snow Clearing:

The Director of Public Works shall ensure that all County operational requirements are met prior to directing graders or snowplow trucks on Agency properties, and that the Agency has fully executed a waiver indemnifying the County. The Director of Public Works may direct this service to be carried out on an emergency basis if in his opinion the work is required to ensure the safety of the public. There shall be no charge to the Agency for these services.

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Maintenance Work:

Upon written request, an Agency can seek County assistance for minor maintenance work at their facilities. This will be limited to work in and around the facility grounds that may include blading and shaping with a motor grader or skid steer. The supply and delivery of gravel is separate from this policy and is addressed in Policy 32.1.13 Gravel Donations.

The Director of Public Works will have the discretion to approve each request based upon the work so long as the total value of the work does not exceed \$1,000 for the supply of labour and equipment. Valuation for the Work shall be the County's internal hourly rates for labour and equipment. Each Agency is allowed one request per calendar year.

Request for work exceeding \$1,000 in value shall be brought forth to Council for consideration.

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