



CITY OF WARMAN

BYLAW 2025-11

**A BYLAW OF THE CITY OF WARMAN IN THE PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN TO REGULATE SNOW REMOVAL FROM STREETS AND SIDEWALKS**

**WHEREAS Section 8 of *The Cities Act* provides, in part, as follows:**

“8(1) A city has a general power to pass any bylaws for city purposes that is considers expedient in relation to the following matters respecting the City:

- (b) the safety, health and welfare of people and the protection of people and property;  
[and]
- (g) streets including temporary and permanent openings and closings.”

**NOW THEREFORE**, the Council of the City of Warman, in the province of Saskatchewan enacts as follows:

**1. Short Title**

1.1 This Bylaw may be cited as “The Snow Removal Bylaw.”

**2. Definitions**

2.1 In this Bylaw:

- (a) “**City**” means the City of Warman
- (b) “**Occupant/Owner**” shall have the meaning given thereto by *The Cities Act*.
- (c) “**Lane**” refers to the alleys highlighted in purple on Schedule “A” identified where primary access for the majority of the block is via the back alley.
- (d) “**Major Snow Event**” is identified as a snowfall greater than twenty-five centimeters (25 cm) and/or declared by the Director of Infrastructure and the City Manager.
- (e) “**Priority 1 Arterial Street**” is defined as a high-capacity street which serves to deliver traffic from collector streets to highways and between major urban centers (RCMP, Fire Department, Education and Health).
- (f) “**Priority 2 Collector Street**” is defined as a low-to-moderate-capacity street which serves to move traffic from local streets to arterial streets. Unlike arterials, collector streets are designed to provide access to residential local streets.

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**3. Objectives and Initiatives**

- 3.1 To facilitate the handling of emergencies by Police, Fire, and Ambulance services during the winter.
- 3.2 To reduce the hazards of icy conditions for motorists and pedestrians.
- 3.3 This policy is not to be confused with Recreation Snow Clearing for all recreational facilities, parks, and pathways. Snow clearing for recreational facilities, parks, and pathways are completed by the Recreation Department which utilizes different equipment and schedules for their snow removal process.
- 3.4 The City of Warman Public Works and Utilities Department is responsible for responding to snow events. It is dangerous to initiate a snow clearing program during a storm when visibilities are reduced. In the event of limited or zero visibility, all operations will cease until conditions improve to safeguard both the public and city employees.

**4. Snow Removal Process**

4.1 **Snow Clearing Program Map:** The Snow Clearing Program Map, attached to and forming part of this Bylaw as Schedule "A", illustrates the order of snow removal priority routes, as well as general direction of workflow for snow removal throughout the City. The City may return to Priority 1 streets at any time during the snow clearing process, when deemed necessary by the Director of Infrastructure and City Manager.

(a) **Priority 1** (as per the **yellow** highlighted arterial streets as shown on Schedule "A")

As the term indicates, these roads and streets will be graded first; as soon as possible after the abatement of a major storm event. Every effort will be made to maintain priority routes as close to bare pavement as is practical. Snow will be pushed to windrows in the middle of the street or to the gutter depending on location. The intent is to have the snow removed from center ridges within three (3) days, or as soon as practical, with a combination of City and external contracted forces. Ridges in the center medians or along the outside of the roadway as dedicated snow storage will be monitored and removed once full, as determined by the Director of Infrastructure.

(b) **Priority 2** (as per the **blue** highlighted collector streets)

- i. Streets along this route will be cleared after completion of the Priority 1 routes. Every effort will be made to maintain Priority 2 routes as close to bare pavement as is practical. Where secondary routes pass through residential areas with combined curb and

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sidewalks, an effort will be made to deposit the windrow to one side to keep sidewalks clear on the opposite side as per the sidewalk snow removal route. In some cases, snow will be ridged to the center of the street for removal, similar to the Priority 1 routes, and will be removed within three (3) days, or as soon as practical after creating the ridge.

**4.2 Residential and Business Snow Clearing**

- (a) For the remaining residential and business street routes not in Priority 1 and 2, snow clearing is to maintain a drivable and snow packed surface. Between winter storm events, periodically and as required, the compacted street surface in residential areas will be lightly graded and pushed to the gutter to reduce and flatten ruts and to minimize the size of gutter windrows, in an effort to maintain the drivability and parking as per the standard. In residential areas, once the snowpack has reached a depth of approximately four inches (4") (as determined by the Director of Infrastructure), snow will be center ridged and hauled away within three (3) days, or as soon as practical.
- (b) Depending on the amount of time between large snow events and if Priority 1 and 2 roads are complete, City crews will continue working in residential and commercial areas. This may include moving snow from ruts to a windrow along the gutter or center ridging the snow for haul out before a compacted thickness of four inches (4").
- (c) Residential/Commercial snow clearing will be scheduled according to the garbage/recycling collection routes as bins hinder the snow removal process.

**4.3 Lanes and Alleyways (only those highlighted in purple will be cleared)**

- (a) Provided that resources are available, the City will clear snow in a timely manner from alleys/lanes in the Central Street Business District, followed by alleys/lanes where residential properties have a straight curb sidewalk and no driveway, as indicated by the purple highlighted lanes, as shown on Schedule "A". These residential properties with an alley/lane accessible garage, will only have the alley/lanes cleared if there is time permitting, and as deemed necessary by the Director of Infrastructure and City Manager. The City may enter into agreements with private land owners to clear alleys on City property where access is required to the private development.

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**4.4 Sidewalks**

- (a) Sidewalks along Priority 1 and 2 will be cleared by the City as time permits. Remaining sidewalks in residential and commercial areas will be at the discretion of the land owner to maintain.

**5. Use of Sand and Salt on City Streets**

- 5.1 The Director of Infrastructure will monitor streets and use salt, sand, or other treatment as required. In the event of a substantial snowfall, streets will generally be cleared first, followed by the application of salt, sand or other treatment.

**6. Windrows**

- 6.1 Some of the City streets could have windrows along the sides of streets in the partial gutter/sidewalk or in the middle of the streets in preparation of snow removal. Center windrows will temporarily exist on Priority 1 and 2 streets and will be removed within three (3) days. Centre windrows will also temporarily exist in non-priority areas when crews move snow from the gutter to the middle for removal.

**7. Snow Piles**

- 7.1 The Director of Infrastructure will monitor snow piles for safe sight distances at key intersections and remove them at the discretion of the department. Priorities are given to intersections and open lane entrances near school zones. In years of significantly above-normal snowfall, it may be impractical to remove every snow pile and priorities will be devoted to areas of higher traffic volume at major intersections.

**8. Private Driveway Approaches**

- 8.1 The grader operator will drop the wing blade to drag the snow through driveways, when possible, reducing the edge ridges or windrows along the driveway approach. Normally these ridges do not prevent access and are the homeowner's responsibility to remove. The grader operator may not identify every driveway and may inadvertently leave a full windrow or ridge across the driveway. During a major snow event, the City will focus on restoring the transportation grid to the City before returning to clean any boulevard ridges or windrows. If your driveway is missed by the grader wing, and a severely large ridge is left preventing accessibility to housing, please call City Hall at (306) 933-2133 and leave your address, name and phone number. The Director of Infrastructure and team will inspect locations, and dispatch appropriate equipment when it is available if deemed appropriate.

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- 8.2 The City will remove snow in the most efficient manner; however, it is at the discretion of the Director of Infrastructure as to how the snow will be removed. In certain instances of a major snow event, snow may be ploughed across the street covering the sidewalk and flankage, leaving the opposite sidewalk clear of snow.

**9. Owner/Occupant Accountability**

- 9.1 No person shall place any snow, ice, dirt or other obstruction, shoveled, swept, or cleaned from private property onto any street, sidewalk, or lane. Refer to Schedule "B", Fines and Penalties.
- 9.2 To avoid a large accumulation of snow on the street, and to help speed up the overall snow removal efforts, any snow removed off the city sidewalk is to be placed on private property and not on the street. Penalties for moving snow on to the street may be applied as per Schedule "B", attached.
- 9.3 Residents clearing their driveways in a timely manner will greatly assist City crews in identifying private driveway locations and utilizing the wing appropriately.
- 9.4 No homeowners shall construct any fence/flowerbed or landscaping materials such as stones/bricks on City property in front of the easement area that would hinder snow removal.
- 9.5 Loraas bins, both recycling and waste disposal, must be placed no sooner than twelve (12) hours before the morning of designated area pickup, and removed from the street the same day of pickup.

**10. Parked Vehicles**

- 10.1 It is advised that residents avoid parking their vehicles on the streets during a snow clearing program. It is the owner/occupant's responsibility to dig their vehicle out if it gets surrounded by windrows or snow ridges. Residents are to move their cars to an alternate location (driveway), where possible. The City is not responsible for clearing the windrows away from vehicles that are parked in the streets during plough operations.
- 10.2 The City shall have the authority to request any owner or occupant of property within the municipality to remove any vehicles as defined in *The Highways and Transportation Act, 1997* for the purpose of removing snow, ice, or debris on any street, sidewalk, or lane. Owners and occupants will be given twenty-four (24) hours' notice for removal of all vehicles or the vehicles may be removed by the City at the owner/occupant's expense. Penalties may be applied as per Schedule "B", attached.

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**11. Commercial and Industrial**

11.1 It is prohibited for any private, commercial, or industrial property to deposit snow on City property or on windrows that the City creates or maintains. The City will not remove windrows of snow resulting from snow plowing operations from loading zones serving commercial, industrial or apartment buildings. The land owner is responsible for clearing these out at their own expense. Penalties may be applied as per Schedule "B", attached.

**12. Penalties and Fines**

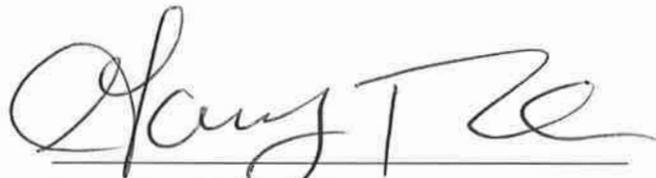
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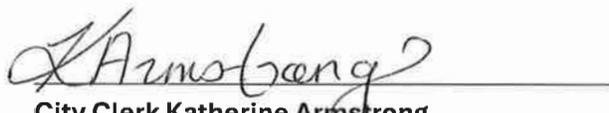
**13. Repealed**

13.1 Bylaw 2023-10 is hereby repealed.

**14. Coming into Force**

14.1 This Bylaw shall come into force on the final passing thereof.

  
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Mayor Gary Philippchuk

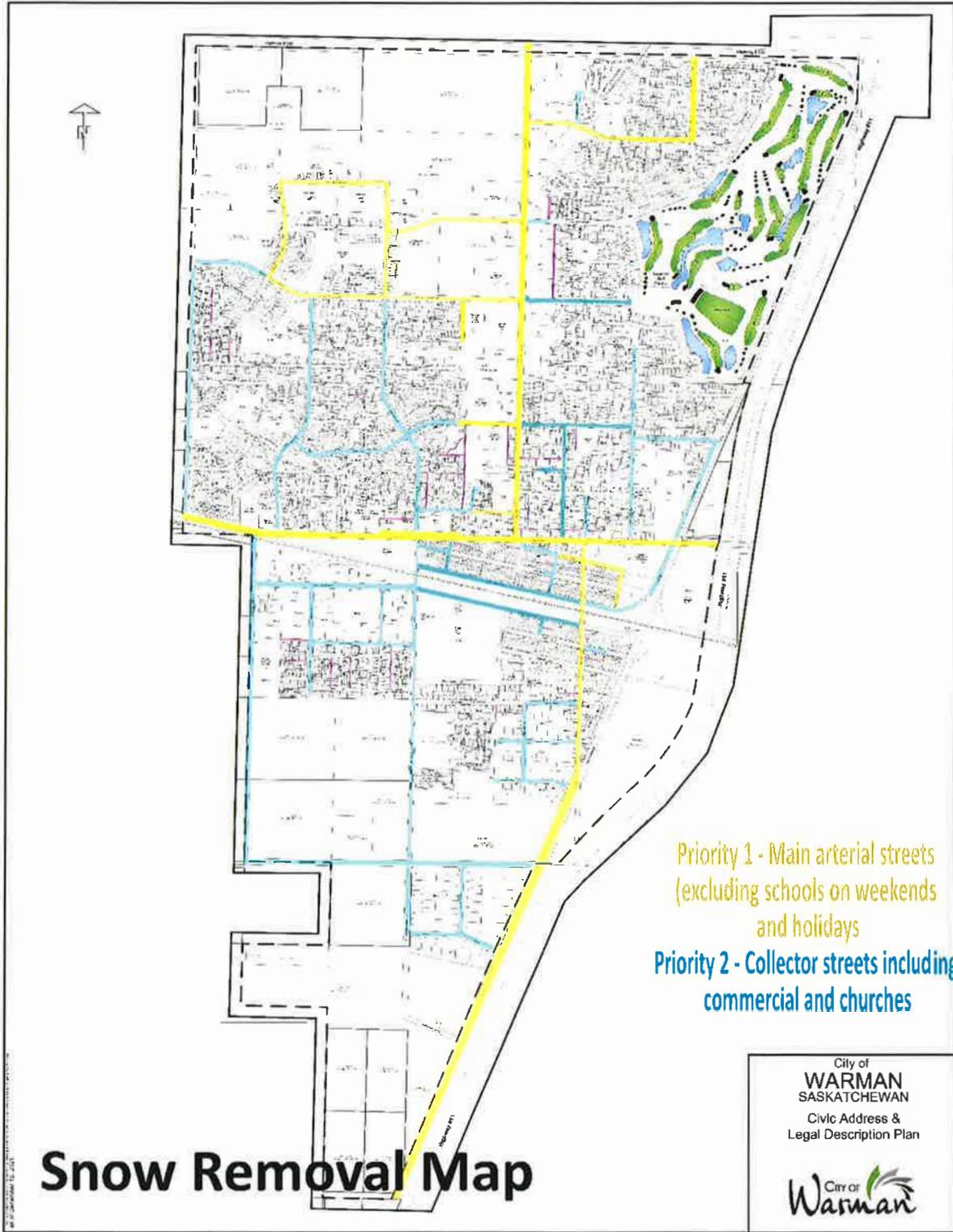
  
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City Clerk Katherine Armstrong



Read a third time and adopted this 27<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2025.

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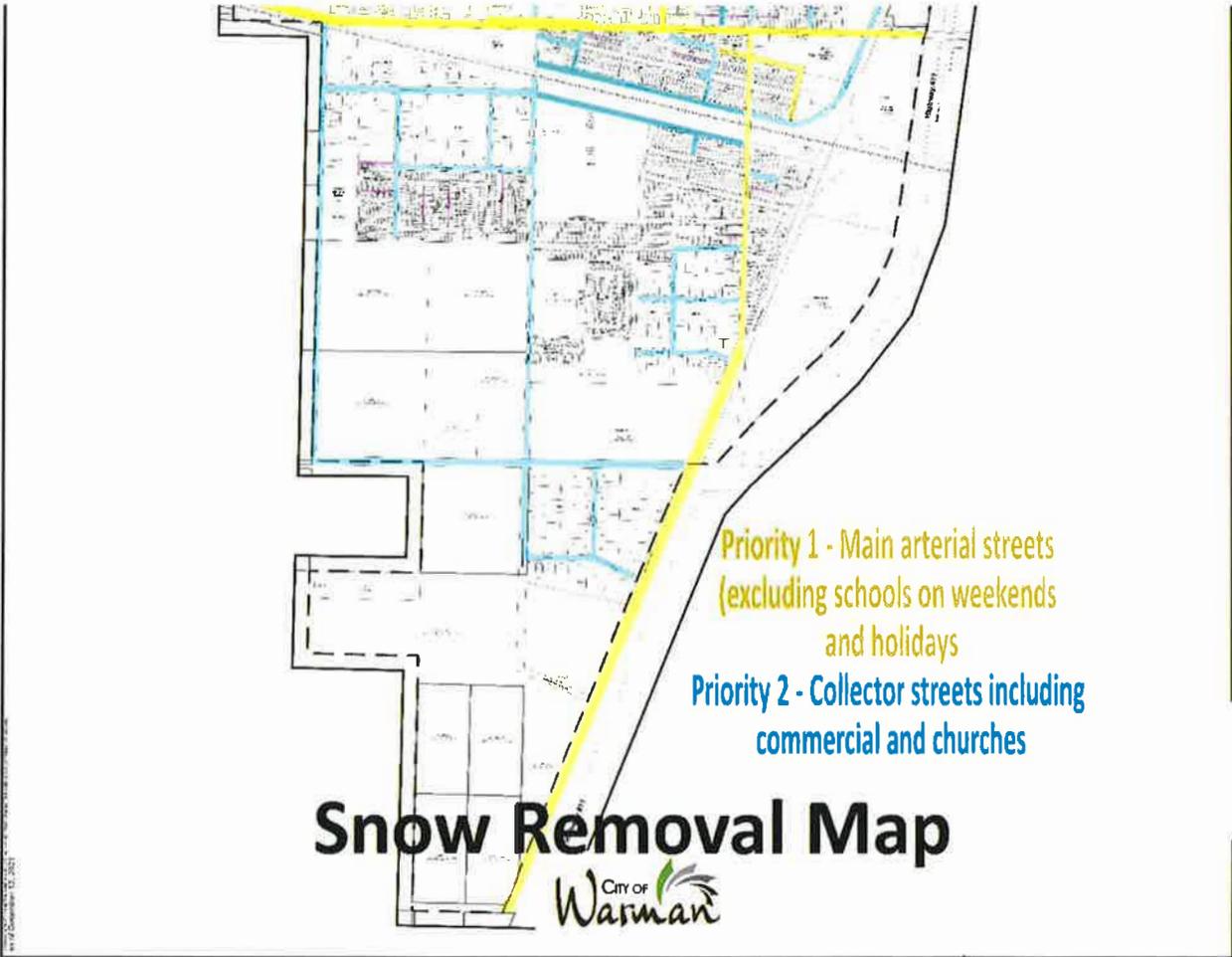
SCHEDULE "A" - SNOW CLEARING PROGRAM MAP



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SCHEDULE "A-1" – SNOW CLEARING PROGRAM MAP



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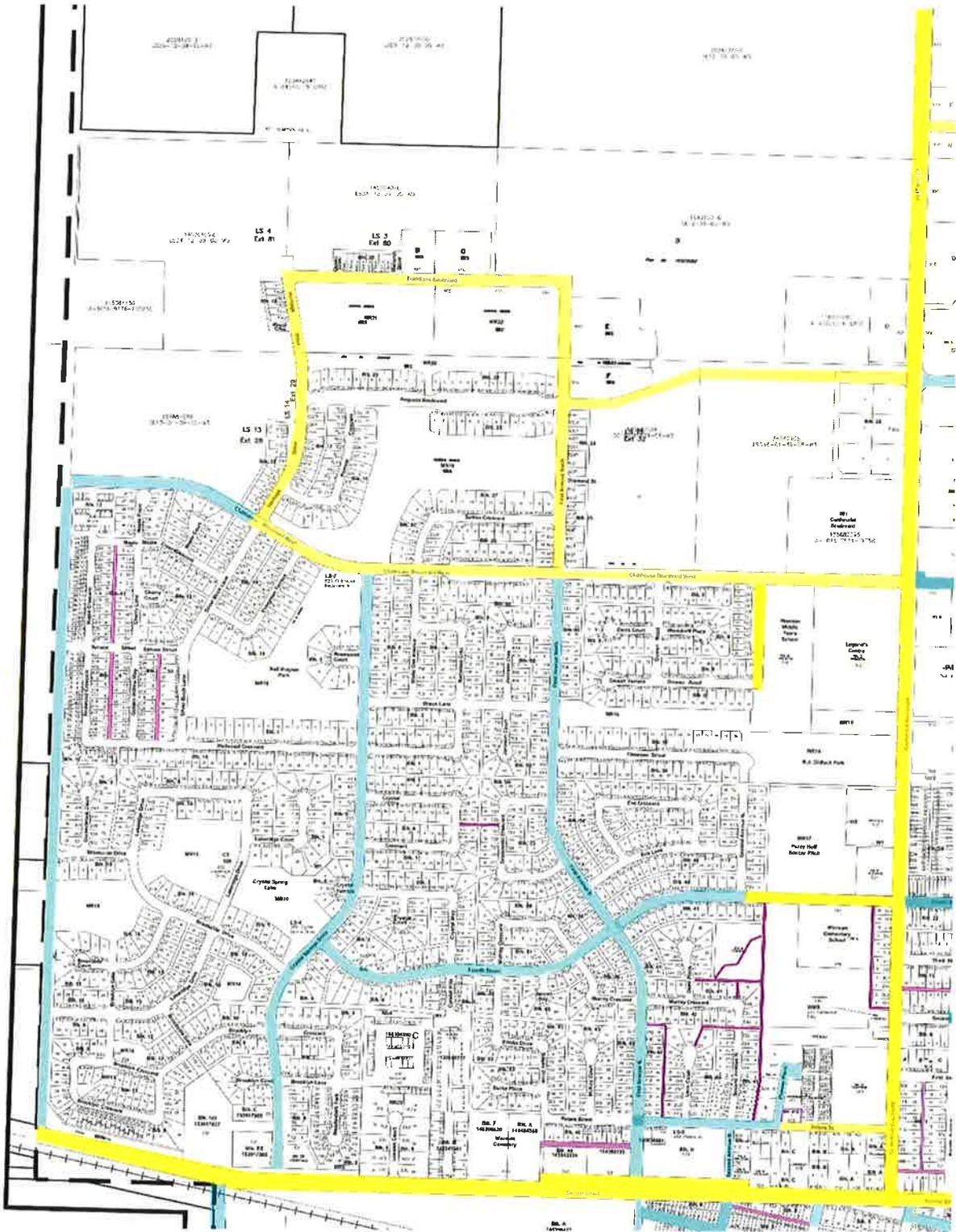
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SCHEDULE "A-3" - SNOW CLEARING PROGRAM MAP



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**SCHEDULE "B" - FINES AND PENALTIES**

Placing snow on public roadway or sidewalk

First Offence- \$100.00

Second Offence- \$200.00

Third Offence- \$300.00

Parked for longer than 48 hours first offence- \$100.00 or \$50.00 if paid within 7 days

Parked where 24 hour no parking notice given- \$100 Administration fee plus the tow fee.