

Stay Safe and Warm This Winter

...message from Revelstoke Fire Rescue Services

- Keep space heaters at least one meter (3 feet) away from walls, sofas and anything else that can burn.
- Have your chimney inspected or cleaned once a year .
- Have your heating system professionally inspected or serviced once a year.
- Keep matches and lighters out of the reach and sight of children - up high in a locked cabinet. Children under the age of six are the most likely to start fires while playing with matches and lighters.
- Inspect electrical cords to make sure they are not pinched behind furniture, under rugs, or stretched. Replace cords that are cracked, frayed, have broken plugs.
- Be vigilant when using candles, keep candles at least 0.3 meters (1 foot) away from any thing that can burn and put them out when you sleep.
- Make a home fire escape plan and practice your plan at least two times a year so everyone knows what to do in a fire emergency.
- Install smoke alarms on every level of your home and outside all sleeping areas. If you sleep with bedroom doors closed, install interconnected alarms in the bedrooms so when one sounds, they all sound.
- Test smoke alarms once a month and replace batteries once a year, or when an alarm "Chirps" to tell you its battery is low
- Replace any smoke alarm that is more than 10 years old.
- Get low and go, if you must escape through smoke, crawl low on your hands and knees to your exit ,keeping your head 0.3 to 0.6 meters (one to two feet) above the floor where the air is cleaner.

Help Us Be Safe

Above ground utility equipment such as hydro, telephone, cablevision boxes and fire hydrants are important in providing residents with essential services. If this utility equipment is covered during snow removal operations and a marker is not visible, please contact the City of Revelstoke, Engineering and Public Works Department at 837-2001 and report this problem. Hidden equipment can be a hazard to snow removal crews and costs to repair damage affect everyone one way or another.

What would you do if you discovered you had no water?

In the event that you turn on your tap and have no water, it could mean that your water line has frozen. This can occur as the cold weather drives the frost deeper into the ground. If you have experienced frozen water lines in the past, you may need to leave a water tap running to avoid expensive thawing and disruption in water service.

Please contact the Public Works Department at 250-827-2001 for further information.

Message from City Council

Our Public Works staff are prepared for winter. Are you? Please equip your vehicle with proper winter tires. Also ensure you wear appropriate footwear and remember, your travel on City roads and sidewalks maybe delayed due to snow removal operations. We have a new snowblower in our fleet but you will still have to take extra time and care getting to your destination. We ask for your patience while our crews and contractors perform their tasks.

Your comments concerning winter operations can be directed to staff at 250-837-2001.

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City of Revelstoke Engineering and Public Works Department

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Winter in Revelstoke

As we enter another snow removal season the City of Revelstoke bids a fond farewell to Ron Tisdale, the roads foreman for 35 years. In his place we welcome Ed Wozniak. Ed was born and raised in Revelstoke and comes to the City with over 30 years of experience in the transportation industry. Ed is looking forward to serving the community and bringing his own personal touch to the job.

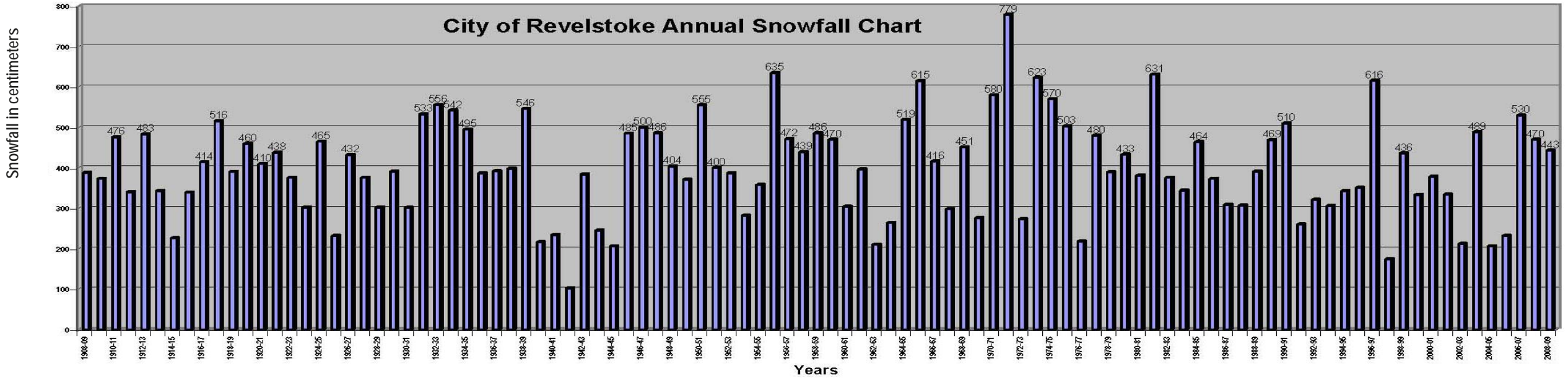
This year the City has purchased a new 2009 RPM Tech, loader mounted, snow blower. This new blower holds 20 gallons more fuel than its predecessor the 1997 Wild Cat. The new blower is easier to operate and is a 2 stage design so it self feeds unlike the wild cat which relied upon the loader to push the snow into the fans. This new system will help ensure fewer break downs and therefore less time lost in snow removal operations and allow for more efficient clean up of snow. The purchase of this new blower also gives the city the opportunity to use the Wildcat as a back up for emergencies for snow removal operations.



The City also added a new plow truck with an underbody and wing to its fleet. This new truck and wing combination will plow more snow in a single pass than a conventional plow truck is able to. The truck is also outfitted with a dual purpose "combo-box"; which can be used as a conventional gravel dump box, or for salt/sand application with the simple flip of a steel panel.

The City of Revelstoke wishes to remind everyone that the crews are doing their best and cannot be everywhere at the same time. The City clears priority routes as outlined in the City's Streets and Sidewalk Snow Removal Policy are as follows: arterial roads accessing emergency services, downtown core, bus routes, and hills City owned down town parking lots and RCMP Detachment, Fire Department and Court House parking lots and then the remaining streets and city owned parking lots and fire hydrants.





PLEASE RECOGNIZE:

- That snowstorms are considered emergencies and we all must plan accordingly.
- That snow removal resources are limited. The crew works to pre-determined priorities.
- That everyone's street cannot be the first to be opened, it takes time and occasionally equipment does fail, which adds to plowing time.
- That in cases of severe storms, there is bound to be some temporary inconvenience. Winter requires lots of patience, understanding and cooperation.

Improper Use of City Boulevard:

Street allowances generally extend well beyond the paved surface. This area is necessary for sidewalks, buried utilities and snow storage. Snow storage on the boulevard may contribute to damage of vehicles or other stored items, as well as damage to improvements and private trees. The use of City right-of-ways (boulevards) for private storage is not permitted and all property owners must ensure the right-of-ways are clear of any obstacles that could hinder snow removal. Failure to do so will mean any damages to fences, landscaping, trees or any other entity constructed, planted, or erected on City streets, roads, alleys or rights-of-ways where snow plowing or removal occurs, will not be the responsibility of the City.

Frequently asked Questions:

When will the Greenbelt be cleared? The Greenbelt will be cleared as time and budget permits.

Does the pathway from the Frontier down the TCH get cleared? Due to varying circumstances, this pathway can not be cleared.

Why is the snow being pushed into my yard? The snow is being cleared off the roads onto City right of way.

Why is the snow put into windrows in the center of the street? This is done to enable the snow blower to remove the snow. The windrows are cleared in the downtown area first and then the outlying areas.

Why is the snow being pushed only to one side? If you are on Downie St., Newlands Rd., Laforme Blvd. or Seventh St. this is to ensure that the sidewalk is kept open.

Why was the snow not cleared from my driveway entrance? There could be several reasons for this, all being unintentional.

How can you help?

- When you see snow removal equipment working and clearing an area please do not impede snow removal operations by parking by/or in windrows or parking in a spot where you can see the grader is coming down the road and going to plow you in.
- Please obey all "no parking snow removal" route signs or your vehicle will be towed.
- Do not park in one spot for more than 24 hours or this will result in towing should there be a snowfall and your vehicle needs to be moved for snow removal purposes.
- When there is a heavy snowfall, so many vehicles end up stuck in places where they interfere with snow removal operations. If you are able to leave your vehicle at home and walk, please do so.

IMPORTANT PUBLIC NOTICE

Parking on sidewalks is illegal and illegally parked vehicles will be towed. This includes parking in such a way that any portion of the vehicle overhangs onto the sidewalk and impedes access for the sidewalk plow and pedestrian traffic.

The City of Revelstoke wishes to advise that although crews assist property owners with clearing deep snow and sanding sidewalks, the ultimate responsibility for keeping the sidewalks clear of snow and ice rests with the property owner whose property borders the sidewalk. (Pursuant to Bylaw #1400, 1992). This includes downtown businesses.