

Maintenance of City Boulevards and Sidewalks

PARKSVILLE, BC: The City of Parksville and its residents take pride in their neighbourhoods and, as a result, have been successful in many Communities in Bloom competitions. Typically this time of year, the City receives many phone calls from residents concerned with overgrown weeds and vegetation in their boulevards. While the City strives to maintain a high level of standards and services, the City has no means for additional resources to maintain all the boulevards throughout the City.

We wish to encourage residents to show pride in their neighbourhoods by maintaining their fronting boulevards year round. Similar to winter snow removal, property owners are responsible for the upkeep to the boulevard fronting their property. Property owners should ensure that grassed areas are trimmed and free of weeds and that all rubbish, leaves and hazardous objects are removed from boulevards and sidewalks.

Bylaw 1436 is a comprehensive traffic bylaw that includes a section that speaks to boulevard and sidewalk maintenance in the City of Parksville. City standards for boulevard and sidewalk maintenance are outlined in Section 9.0, included with this release.

It is important that all plantings are trimmed and maintained so there are no hazards that could impede the ability of a pedestrian, cyclist or motorist to see oncoming traffic. There are a number of Parksville residents with disabilities who travel on our sidewalks on a daily basis. Please don't forget that overgrown hedges and tree branches may make it difficult to travel.

For more information or if you have questions about the maintenance of your boulevard or sidewalk, please contact the Engineering and Operations Department at 250 248-5412.

Thank you for your cooperation and community involvement.

For more information:

Engineering and Operations 250 248-5412

**FROM CITY OF PARKSVILLE
BYLAW NO. 1436
TRAFFIC BYLAW**

9.0 BOULEVARD & SIDEWALK MAINTENANCE

- 9.1 Every owner and occupier of real property shall remove all snow or ice from all sidewalks bordering the real property within 12 hours from the cessation of a snowfall or storm event which caused such accumulation. An owner or occupier shall not use equipment which could cause damage to the boulevard or sidewalk due to the excess weight of the equipment or sharp edges which could cause abrasions or scrapes to the sidewalk or boulevard.
- 9.2 Every owner or occupier of real property is required to remove snow or ice from the roof or other part of any structure on the property, where the location of that structure is such that it is reasonable to expect that the snow or ice on it may fall onto any sidewalk or highway, within 12 hours of the cessation of any snowfall or storm event that cause the accumulation.
- 9.3 An owner or occupier of land shall maintain a sidewalk and boulevard adjacent to their property and in particular shall:
- a) remove accumulations of filth, leaves, rubbish, discarded materials, hazardous objects and materials which obstruct a drainage facility;
 - b) in keeping with the reasonable standard of maintenance in the area keep grassed areas trimmed and free of all weeds;
 - c) keep in good repair and up to City standards all driveway crossings;
 - d) trim and maintain all plantings;
 - e) remove all filth, leaves, rubbish, discarded materials, hazardous objects and materials from all boulevards and sidewalks.
- 9.4 No person shall deposit the snow, ice or other material removed from sidewalks, boulevards or private property under this section onto city property or highways.

"Boulevard" means the area of a highway between the edge of pavement, sidewalk, and/or curb of the roadway and the adjacent property line, but excludes a sidewalk.