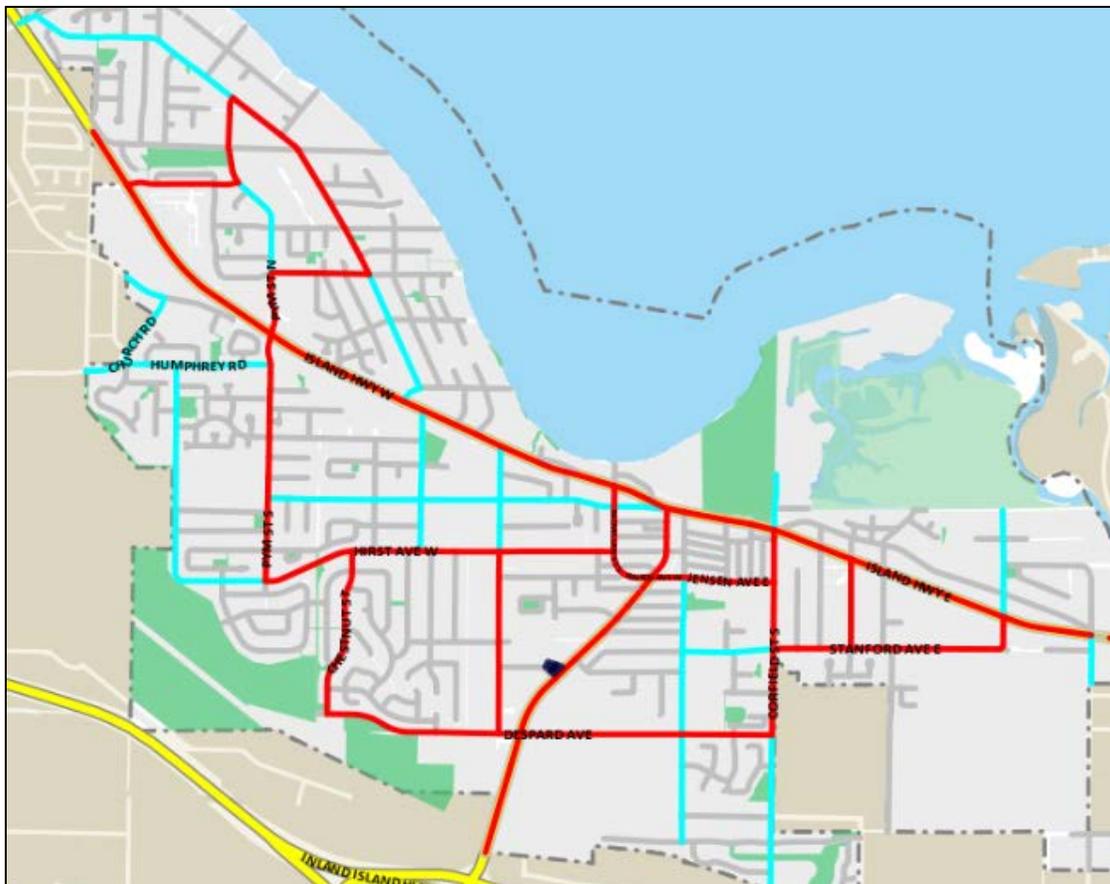


## Parksville Snow and Ice Control Update

City of Parksville crews have been working on snow and ice removal and control since the early hours of December 19 and will continue to work around the clock until the snowfall ceases and roads are passable. The City follows [Council Policy No. 8.10](#) to ensure municipal streets and sidewalks are maintained in a reasonably safe condition while balancing budgetary limitations and available personnel and equipment.

Priority routes for snow-plowing are arterial roads and highways, followed by collector roads and then local roads. Residents can view a colour-coded map of priority routes by accessing the [map on the City website](#). All four City vehicles with snow-removal capacity have been focused on clearing the main artery of Highway 19A and are now working on clearing other Priority A routes, which are outlined in red on the map below. A fifth piece of equipment is currently employed clearing Priority B routes outlined in blue on the map.



The City performs other snow clearing duties such as the Parksville Fire Department access and lot, Parksville Community and Conference Centre access and lot, Parksville Civic and Technology Centre access and lot and other City parking lots as required. This is currently being undertaken by parks department staff, while utilities staff are employed clearing catch-basins to address potential flooding issues as a result of high water volumes. It is the responsibility of property owners to clear catch-basins adjacent their properties.

Snow clearing from sidewalks is also the responsibility of the adjacent property owners who are required to ensure that snow removed from the sidewalks is not deposited on the adjoining roadway. During periods of heavy snowfall, in areas of heavy pedestrian traffic, adjacent to City-owned property, City crews will support public sidewalk clearing through use of snow blowers and other snow removal equipment only as availability of equipment and personnel allow.

Wherever possible, drivers are asked not to park vehicles on the streets during periods of snowfall as this impedes the travel of plows and may result in a vehicle buried by snow. During the plowing of streets, a windrow of snow may be formed across driveways. Unfortunately this is unavoidable, especially during heavy snowfalls. As the City does not have the equipment or personnel for a private driveway/access clearing program, it is the owner's responsibility to open access to the adjoining roadway. Clearing of private roads and parking lots is the responsibility of the property owners who are required to ensure that snow removed from their property is not deposited on the adjoining public sidewalks or roadway.

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