



WINTER ROADS NOTICE

The snowfall accumulation in the past week, and in the coming forecast is significantly higher than usual for Haida Gwaii. Our Public Works department is utilizing all available resources to ensure snow removal, salting & sanding is prioritized. Winter road maintenance begins at 6:00 am to allow time to clear bus routes, hills and emergency service routes before high-traffic commutes. Road maintenance continues throughout the day and night, so be cautious and alert when out and about.

The following are some tips to help us provide the best possible service level and maintain access for residents, emergency services & maintenance vehicles.

- Don't park vehicles on the road during snow removal, especially in areas where snow is piled by plows, or in turn-arounds for plow trucks. This prevents your vehicle being plowed in, and allows maintenance vehicles to access roads safely.
- Use 4WD, winter tires, and drive with caution. Maintain extra distance from plows for safety and courtesy as snow removal doesn't always follow usual traffic patterns.
- Pedestrians should wear highly visible clothing and step off the road when vehicles are approaching. Please keep kids, sleds & pets out of snow piles and safely off the roads.
- If residents or businesses wish to contract a private snow removal company for their driveways, private roads or parking lots, the VQC office has a list of contractors.

Please direct requests and issues regarding Winter Road Maintenance directly to the Public Works emergency line at 250-637-1781.

Thanks for your assistance in keeping our roads clear and safe this winter!