

# **MUNICIPALITY OF BROCKTON**

## **POLICY #99-17**

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** November 1, 1999

**APPLIES TO:** Works Department

**RE:** **WINTER MAINTENANCE OF SIDEWALKS**

### **IT IS THE POLICY OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF BROCKTON THAT:**

The Municipality of Brockton shall establish appropriate policies and programs to protect itself against the consequences of accidental losses which would adversely impact the capacity of the Municipality of Brockton to operate through a major deterioration of its financial resources or in its level of service to the public. The Municipality of Brockton will maintain, to the greatest possible extent, a work place, facilities and programs, and an infrastructure which provides a safe and secure setting for its employees and members of the public.

### **PURPOSE**

The Municipality of Brockton at the time of preparation of this policy utilize public works employees to provide winter maintenance to certain sidewalks within the municipal boundaries. This winter maintenance program is designed to provide safe and convenient sidewalk conditions for pedestrian traffic during winter months. The works crew shall carry out sanding, salting and plowing operations on a list of identified sidewalks as directed by the Works Superintendent or other supervisory personnel to whom he reports.

Due to the costs associated with providing the current level of winter maintenance on sidewalks, the Municipal Council feels it is necessary to direct the limited funds allocated for this purpose to particular sections of the Municipality's existing sidewalks.

### **LIMITATIONS**

The Corporation has always endeavored to deliver top quality services across as broad a range of municipal functions as possible. These services have been tailored over time to meet the needs of the residents of the Municipality of Brockton and are delivered in a cost efficient manner.

In the case of winter maintenance of sidewalks, the new financial reality dictates that costs associated with the delivery of this service, in the form of both machine time and man hours, have determined that all sidewalks in the Municipality cannot

receive winter maintenance. If all existing sidewalks were to receive winter maintenance then other services in various departments of the Municipality would suffer. This in effect would cause the delivery of a variety of services in the Municipality to be thrown out of balance. Given the limited tax base from which the Corporation has to raise the revenues necessary to offset the operating costs associated with the provision of a variety of municipal services, an increase in the tax levy to fund winter maintenance of all sidewalks would prove to be insurmountable for Municipality of Brockton ratepayers.

**SCOPE**

As such the Corporation by way of this policy authorizes that only certain sections of Municipal sidewalks will receive the appropriate level of winter maintenance on a year to year basis. The sidewalks identified to receive winter maintenance are those listed on Schedule “A” to this policy and as depicted on Schedule “B” to this policy. Both Schedule “A” and “B” shall form an integral part of this policy.

Schedule “A” and “B” can be amended from time to time at the discretion of Council and any amendments shall be done by way of a Council resolution.