

# TOWN OF ST. GERMAIN

## WINTER ROAD MAINTENANCE POLICY

### INTRODUCTION

The Town of St. Germain Public Works Department, under supervision of the Town Board of Supervisors, has the authority and responsibility for all decisions regarding when and how town roads will be maintained. The objective regarding winter road maintenance is to provide safe driving conditions to the extent practical for vehicles properly maintained for winter driving. It is not practical from a budgetary standpoint or with consideration of equipment capability to maintain roads free of snow and ice.

### TOWN ROADS / PRIVATE ROADS / PRIVATE DRIVEWAYS

Only town roads and other public facilities within the town will be maintained for winter driving. Private roads, private driveways and private parking areas are not the responsibility of the Town to maintain.

**SNOW AND ICE CONTROL** (These are general guidelines subject to deviation at the discretion of the Public Works Department)

1. Mondays through Fridays (excluding holidays): Public Works will plow when two or more inches of snow have accumulated. Start time and order in which roads are plowed is at the discretion of Public Works.
2. Holidays or weekends: Public Works will plow when four or more inches of snow have accumulated. Start time and order in which roads are plowed is at the discretion of Public Works.

Sanding, widening, and snowbank removal will be done as needed with traffic safety being the primary focus.

Additionally, the Public Works Department will respond as needed to emergency conditions upon request by Vilas County Law Enforcement or the Town of St. Germain Fire Chief. Response to these requests may result in actions beyond what are normally performed by Public Works.

### MAILBOX DAMAGE

The Town is not responsible for repair or replacement if snow discharged from the plow dislodges or damages a mailbox or post. However, if Town plowing equipment physically contacts the mailbox or post, the Public Works Department will repair or replace the mailbox and/or post.

Adopted this 11<sup>th</sup> day of November 2019



Tom Christensen, Chairman

Attest



Tom Martens, Clerk