

# MUNICIPALITY OF West Elgin

## WINTER CONTROL OPERATIONS

### Parking

West Elgin Public Works would like to remind residents to avoid parking on streets and boulevards, especially during winter control season. Section 170 (12) of the Highway Traffic Act prohibits parking so as to interfere with the cleaning of snow from the highways and section 170 (15) provides for the **removal of the offending vehicles at the owner's expense.** Section 21 (4) of West Elgin bylaw 2001-50 states "no vehicle shall remain parked or standing upon any part of any street in the Municipality between the hours of 3:00 AM and 5:00 AM.

#### Mailboxes

The Municipality of West Elgin will repair or replace broken mailboxes only if the damage was caused by direct physical contact with snow removal equipment. It is the property owner's responsibility to ensure their mailbox is in good condition, as snow being discharged from a plow can damage weakened posts or improperly fastened boxes. Damage must be reported to the Public Works department immediately upon detection.

#### Snow Safety

When cleaning your driveway, never push snow across the travelled portion of the roadway, as this can create a dangerous situation for motorists. Even minor amounts of snow left behind can damage a vehicle or cause it to lose control. Remember that snow piled to the right of your driveway (when facing the road) will be carried away by the plow, while snow piled to the left will end up back in your driveway after the plow goes by. Piles of snow from cleaning streets and driveways can be tempting. Encourage children to avoid playing near the road edge as they are not always visible to passing motorists or plow operators. **PLEASE** remember to be patient and allow extra space around snow removal equipment, thus making winter operations safer for all involved!

For questions or concerns, please contact the Municipality of West Elgin

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Thank you – Your cooperation is appreciated