

# Winter Operations November 2025



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- **CBRM**
  - Primarily urban roads within the former towns and City. Exception being designated unlisted roads and all sidewalks in the former County of Cape Breton
- **Nova Scotia Department of Public Works (NSDPW)**
  - Primarily rural roads and highways within the former County of Cape Breton except those designated as CBRM's





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## Contact Information

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Snow and Ice Control procedures [STEP-BY-STEP](#).

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## Three Ways You Can Help

1. Remove parked vehicles from the street during snow clearing times. Your vehicle can be ticketed and towed away.
2. Do not plow or shovel snow from your property onto the street or sidewalk. This is a serious danger to plow operators.
3. You can help by clearing the snow away from a hydrant on your street, but please be careful and don't stand on the street while shoveling!



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# What is Included in Winter Operations?

## 4 Major Winter Operations

- Roadway Salting
- Roadway Plowing
- Sidewalk Plowing and Ice Control
- Snow Clearing / Removal

- Levels of Service



### WINTER OPERATIONS STRATEGY

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# Roadway Salting

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- General Objective
- Terminology
  - Anti-icing (pre-salting)
  - De-icing
- Levels of Service
  - Not all streets are salted every storm (Hierarchy)



# Sidewalk Plowing and Ice Control

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- General Objectives
- Equipment Types
- Areas are divided into routes
- Levels of Service



# Snow Clearing and Removal

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- General Objective
- Terminology: Clearing vs Removal
  - Clearing – snow stays on site
  - Removal – snow is trucked away
- Where do we do this?
  - Business districts, school frontages, bus shelters, fire hydrants, catch basins, trouble intersections
- Levels of Service
  - When accumulation warrants



# PREPAREDNESS

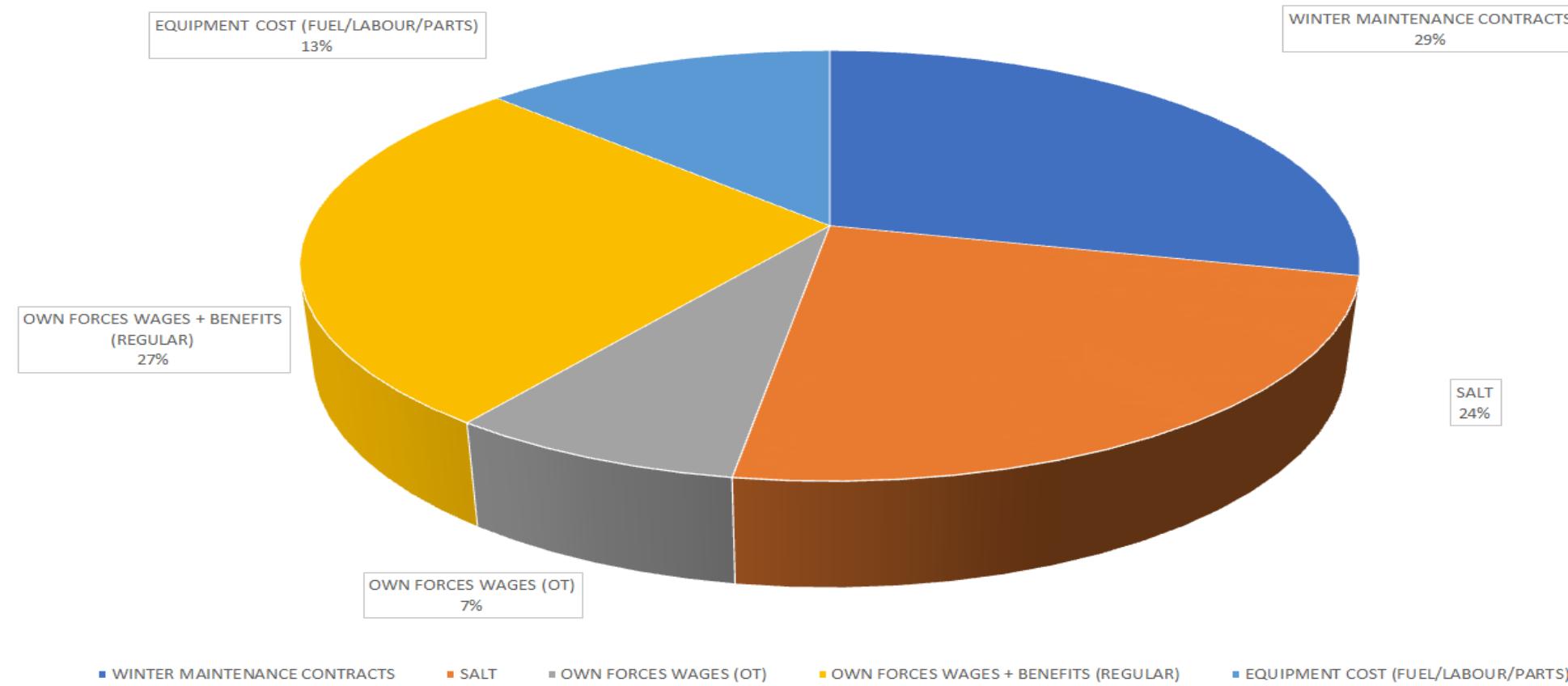
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- Equipment Preparedness begins in Spring
- Ready for winter operations late October
- Fleet is currently fully prepared !



ESTIMATED COST OF WINTER MAINTENANCE		NOTES	
WINTER MAINTENANCE CONTRACTS	\$ 1,208,770.00	Urban Roads, Unlisted Roads, Alleyways, Rural Sidewalks, Snow Removal	
SALT	\$ 1,000,000.00	Approx. 10,000 tonnes @ ~ 100 / tonne	
OWN FORCES WAGES (OT)	\$ 321,464.00	Based on Historical Trends	
OWN FORCES WAGES + BENEFITS (REGULAR)	\$ 1,141,512.00	1/3 of PW Wages/Benefits allocated to Winter Maintenance for 4 months / year	
EQUIPMENT COST (FUEL/LABOUR/PARTS)	\$ 540,000.00	Estimated from known costs for sidewalk gear. (Need to update with better info)	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 4,211,746.00</b>		

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# Public Works Update - 2025

- **Public Works Operations**

- PW operations in all three districts did considerable road and concrete work this season. One of the biggest seasons for plane and pave.
- Addition of Council approved funds all went to street plane and pave.
- PW is planning now for works for next year.

- **Transit**

- Rolling out Community Bus Pass Program for Low Income residents. Starting this past week.
- Getting ready to roll out new smart card system first of the year.
- Dealing with reduced ridership.

- **Fleet**

- Reviewing the way we purchase our equipment. Investigating leasing opportunities.
- Reducing fleet repair costs.

- **Solid Waste**

- Completed shut down of compost facility. Will have the remainder that was in the tunnels cleared and delivered to Guysborough in the next two weeks. We will be looking at the savings from that operation coming up in the last quarter of this budget year.
- Sale of the Camdon processing facility has been on-going all summer and closing date is December 1, 2025. CBRM will start seeing the benefit of not operating this facility starting then.
- Extended Processing Responsibility (EPR) starts December 1. We will have a contract in place by then that will pay CBRM for the collection of blue bag materials. Revenue generated will start then.
- Continuing to process Fiona wood waste and delivering it to Guysborough.
- Starting improvements at the site.
- Updating Fleet.
- Improving collection of tipping fees.
- Changed operations so that all collection is done now Monday to Friday with no change to the hours of the public drop off.



# WINTER OPERATIONS / PREPAREDNESS

## November 2025

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# QUESTIONS ??