

LIL’WAT SNOW REMOVAL PROTOCOL 2021-2022

The Nation’s Public Work Department performs snow clearing on a priority basis designed to rectify hazardous conditions as quickly as possible, while also reaching the most people in the least amount of time. This approach allows us the greatest opportunity to:

1. Reduce hazards on major routes and aid emergency response such as fire, police, and ambulance.
2. Reduce the hazards on major roads and school bus routes.
3. Reduce hazardous conditions to the greatest number of local residences in the least amount of time
4. Support emergencies and provide on-call service when and if required.

This plan provides a complete list of roads and their priorities. Should more information be required regarding snow removal please contact our Public Works Department at 604-894-6115. The Snow removal Plan will be reviewed annually, considering new developments, hazardous areas, and public input.

Please keep in mind that the capacity of the Public Works crew and equipment is limited. Thus, there is a need to prioritize snow removal, salting and sanding. The following protocol is intended to match our capacity with the severity of winter weather at hand.

Snow Removal Plan for Lil’wat

Snow clearing will follow a priority-based classification of roads summarized in the table below and shown in Snow Clearing Maps in Appendix A.

<u>Priority 1 Routes</u> (Red)	<u>Priority 2 Routes</u> (Green)	<u>Priority 3 Routes</u> (Blue)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access routes for emergency services such as fire, ambulance and police. • Major arterial roads. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collector roads. • School bus routes. • Transit routes. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Residential roads. • Utility access roads. • Parking lots for emergency services.

Road Clearing in Regular Winter Conditions - Under regular winter conditions the order and schedule of snow removal follows the Priority Ranking outlined above.

Road Clearing in Heavy Snow Conditions - In the case of heavy continuous snow, only Priority 1 and Priority 2 Routes are cleared and salted by Public Works.

Parking Area Clearing in Regular Winter Conditions - Under regular winter conditions only key utility roads are cleared and salted by Public Works. Most parking areas are cleared by private contractors.

Parking Area Clearing in Heavy Snow Conditions - In the case of heavy snow events Public Works will assist in clearing critical parking areas if there is sufficient resources to do so and all Priority 1 and Priority 2 Routes are cleared.

PLEASE NOTE: in some instances, Public Buildings may be closed, and programming canceled because of heavy snow conditions. Please listen to radio 104.5 Mountain FM for details or call your area of destination before leaving home.

Important contact information:

Public Works Department weekdays 8:30am to 4:30pm	604 894 0131
After hours Public Works urgent calls only:	604 902 4273
Tribal Police Emergency calls:	604 894 5757
Non-emergency or to report hazardous winter road conditions:	604 894 6124
Lil'wat Fire Department: Emergency calls:	911
Housing Department weekdays 8:30am to 4:30pm	604 894 6115
Power Failure: BC Hydro	888 769 3766

Public Notice for Winter Driving:

Wintertime driving requires a greater degree of caution and good practice because there are more potential hazards to consider. It is important to remember these key facts in the winter:

- **Start your day earlier.** Before you leave you will need to clean your vehicle and warm it up. The windows must be clean and equipment such as wipers and windshield washer, working effectively
- **Get a feel for the road** and how slippery it is
- **Drive slowly** and keep your speed consistent
- **Start off and stop your vehicle more gradually** while avoiding locking your breaks as this may contribute to a loss of steering control
- **Keep a greater distance** between yourself and other vehicles on the road
- **Ensure your vehicle is maintained** according to a maintenance schedule and do a start of day walk around to check such things check lights, signals, and wipers
- **Ensure your vehicle has winter tires** with good tread and air pressure that is compliant with manufacturer specifications
- **All-season tires are not effective** on snow and ice
- Make sure that you have a **cold weather emergency kit** in your vehicle at all times

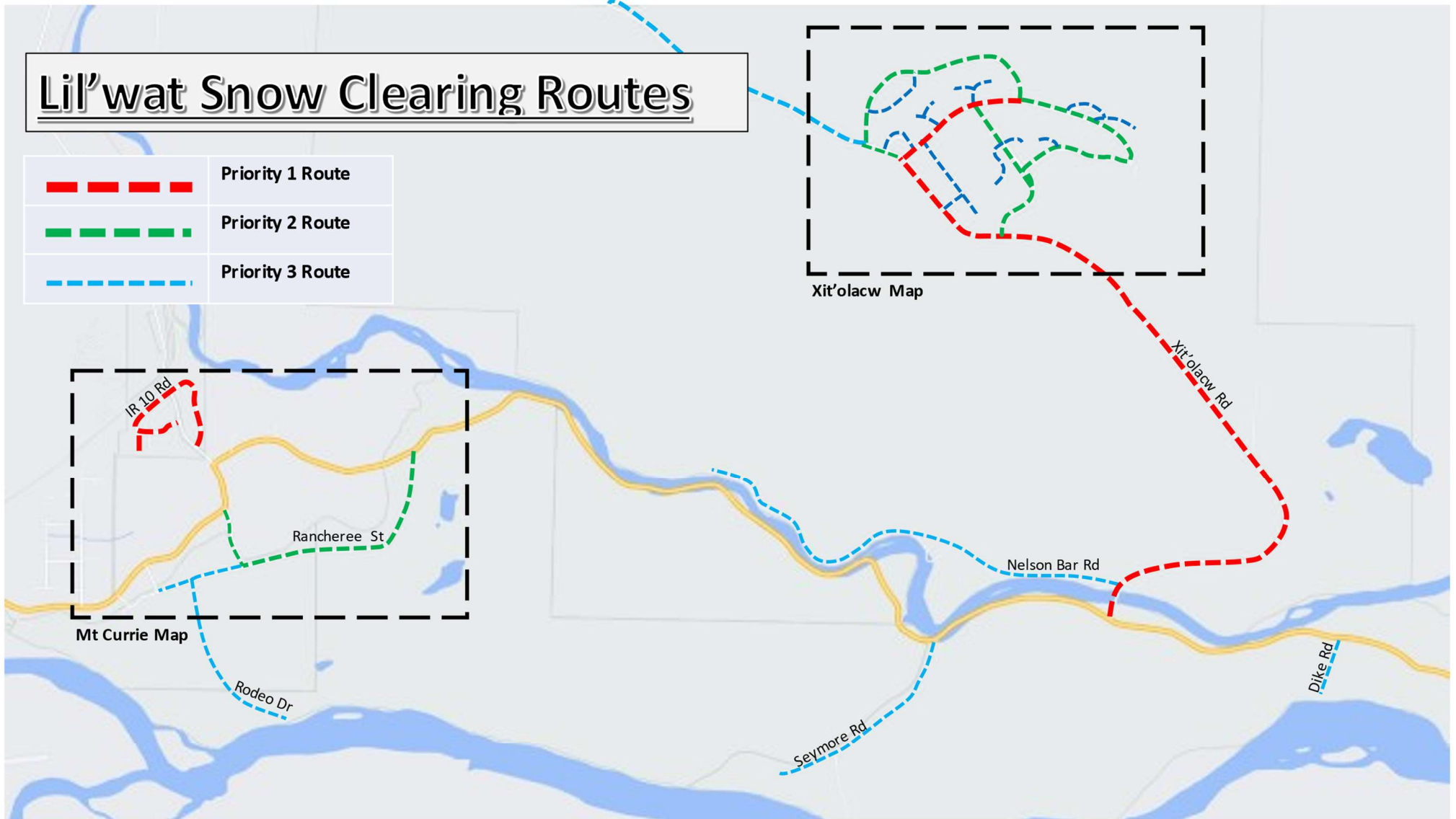
In case of an emergency, call 604-894-5757 or 911 immediately. Please note that the Tribal Police monitor roads for dangerous conditions and in emergencies can activate road-clearing procedures.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?:

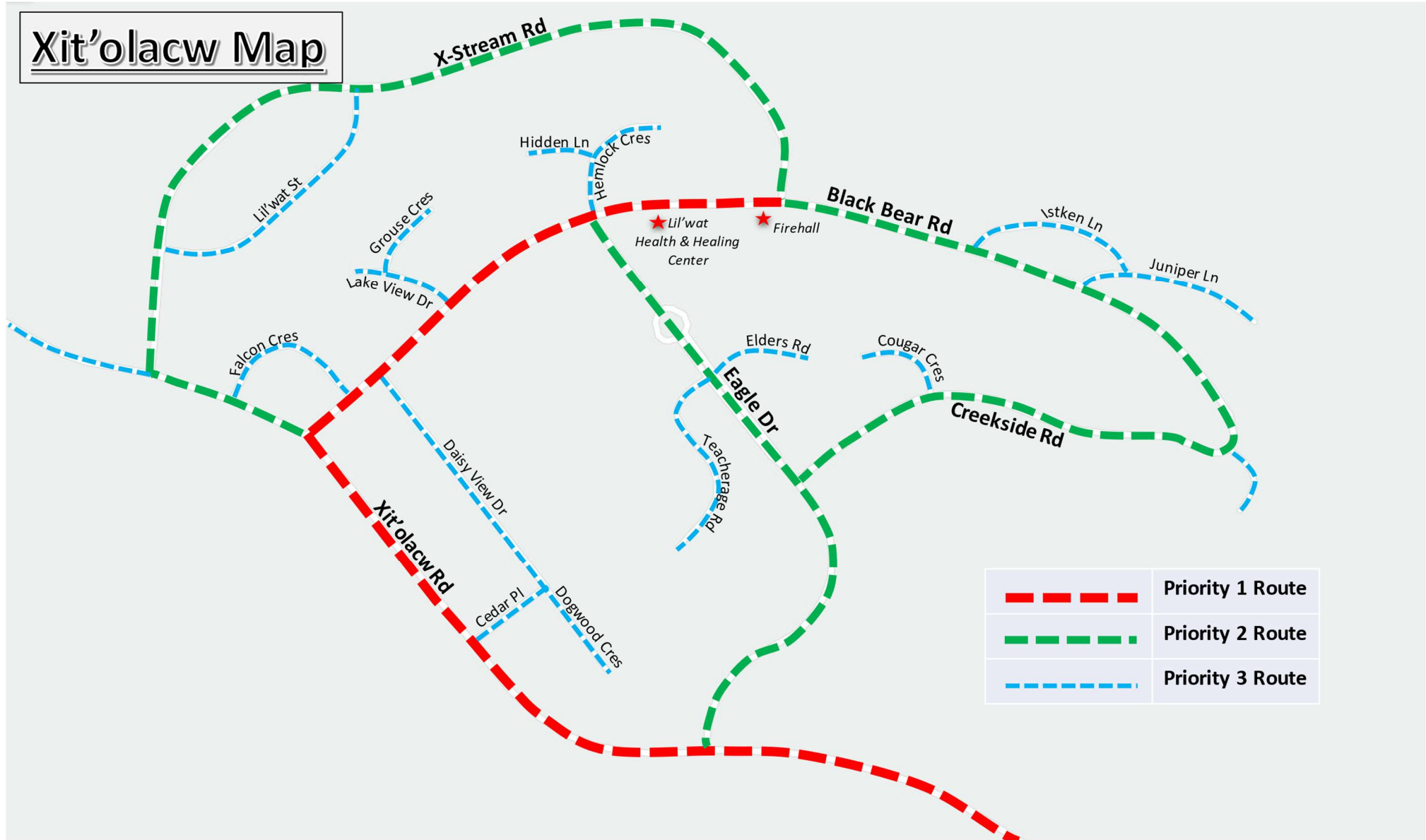
There are always ways in which our community members can help with snow removal in the community. Some suggestions are listed below:

- **Clear snow** and ice from your driveways
- **Clear snow** from any fire hydrants from in front of your homes so that, if needed the fire department can locate them in case of emergency
- **Do not park** on the road after it snows as this can impede the ability of snowplows to do their job. The public Works Department may prohibit parking temporarily to facilitate clearing of the snow
- **Garbage collection:** During snowy and icy conditions, the Lil'wat contractor may find it necessary to cancel collection of garbage, recycling, and yard waste. If this happens and your regular collection is missed, the collection will occur later when weather conditions permit. In some circumstances collection may be deferred to your regular day the following week. Call our Public Works Department at 604-894-6115 if you have questions or concerns.

Appendix A - Snow Clearing Maps



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