



## Policy & Procedures

Section: 4.0 Public Works

Policy: Buggy and Plow Operator Winter Safety

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### Coverage:

This policy shall cover all plow operators and plow operations in the Township of Huron-Kinloss in dealing with buggy operators.

### Policy Statement:

All snow plow operators shall operate under best management guidelines for safe winter road maintenance in dealing with buggy operators which includes an understanding and respect of both the plow operators and the buggy operators.

### Legislative Authority:

Municipal Act, S.O. 2001, c. 25 as amended, Sections 11(3)

### Contents:

#### Plow Operators Should:

- Always err on the side of caution.
- Be aware that buggies are slow, tend to travel towards the right hand side of the road and on the shoulder where possible.
- Be aware of the surrounding area when approaching a horse and buggy, the horses often wear blinds and are startled by approaching plow which may cause them to panic.
- Horses have difficulty with curbs, including mountable curbs, which can cause them to fall and sustain injuries.
- When undertaking winter operations
- Do not make any sudden motions, do not use the horn.
- When approaching a horse drawn carriage, slow or gear down without the heavy use of braking or the use of engine brakes.
- Approaching from head on, slow down and stay to the right
- Approaching from behind, stay well back from the buggy until they are able to pull off the road and the snow plow can pass safely

#### Buggy operators should:

- Always err on the side of caution.
- Be aware that snow plows are large, heavy vehicles travelling in extreme winter conditions.
- Snowplows cannot change their speed or direction quickly.

- Winter maintenance operations typically create flying snow and reduced visibility around the snow plow for the snow plow operator, buggy operator, the horse and other vehicles on the road.
- Pull off the road as soon as possible and allow the winter maintenance equipment to pass
- Visibility of the buggy is critical, head lights, tail lights and reflectors are necessary.