

## 32. Snow clearing

- **Priority list for clearing.** [Find reference](#)
- **Railroad crossing.**

Why can't the Town clear the walking path across the tracks after a snow storm? The mayor stated that the Town is not allowed to clear the space between the train track barriers since that land belongs to CP Rail and they have forbidden any intervention in that space by the Town. (January-February, 2021, Informer -- **December, 2020**, Council meeting)

- **Salt** (see Environment) [Find reference](#)
- **Snow removal on weekends – expensive? Ck councillors' reports**  
A snow removal operation being carried out on a Sunday prompted a question about overtime costs. Half of this task is carried out by Town employees, and contractors take care of the other half. No overtime is paid to the contractors no matter when they do their job. The budget and the weather conditions are taken into account in the scheduling of these operations and strategic decisions govern the process. (May, 2022, Informer – **March, 2022**, Council meeting)
- **Tempos**  
Councillor Feeney has researched the topic of temporary car shelters and explained that safety issues as well as aesthetics will continue to prohibit the use of Tempos in the Town. (December, 2023, Informer – **October, 2023**, Council meeting)

In response to an elderly resident who was no longer able to clear the snow on her walk and asked if there was some assistance the Town could provide, Councillor Feeney replied that some municipalities have groups of volunteers to deal with this problem for their seniors, adding that Montreal West is a very caring Town and that it is an issue for MADA to investigate further and perhaps get a little organization going to help when needed. (February, 2023, Council meeting – **December, 2022**, Council meeting)

In spite of requests for the use of temporary car shelters, Councillor Feeney replied that the Town is not willing to change the existing bylaw prohibiting them. She said these structures are unsightly and can present a danger to a driver's sight line when exiting a driveway. She added that while some residents are in favour of their use, many others are not. (November-December, 2020, Informer – **October, 2020**, Council meeting)

- **Why not blow onto yards as in the "old days"?**

The snow that was recently blown on Avon residents' lawns is not normal practice but was made necessary by the lack of sufficient snow removal trucks in the aftermath of that storm. The hunt for alternative substances for melting ice continues but has not yet been successful. ([?? Not December, 2023, meeting??](#))

Every winter the question about blowing the snow on front yards comes up and the answer is always the same. It is more economical to have the snow removal vehicles take the snow to the public snow dump than to spend (and pay for) the much longer time it takes to manoeuvre these big machines into the correct position each time to distribute the snow only on front lawns and not onto driveways or sidewalks in the process. (February, 2023, Informer – December, 2023, Council meeting)

- **Why we do what we do [regarding snow removal].** (See Councillors' Reports)

## 33. Sidewalk obstructions (See **Traffic & pedestrian safety**)

- 34. Stairs between Courtney & Ronald Drive.** (see **Traffic & pedestrian safety**)
- 35. Street lights.** (see **Traffic & pedestrian safety**)
- 36. Street hockey.** (see **Bylaws**)
- 37. Tax/mill rates.**  
(???No !! Also see Councillors' Reports)  
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- 38. Tempos, temporary car shelters** (see **Snow clearing**)
- 39. Term limits for Councillors.** [Find reference](#)