

	<b>TOWING VEHICLES WITH CIVIC WORKS EQUIPMENT POLICY</b>	
	<b>Policy Number: CW-008</b>	
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**Policy Statement:**

It is the policy of Council that municipal equipment should not be used to tow vehicles, with the exception of towing Village vehicles.

**Policy Background:**

In the past, Village equipment has been used to tow vehicles that have become stuck. The Village is not insured for such activity and the Village equipment is not designed for towing.

**Policy Goal:**

It is the goal of this policy to provide a safe work environment and to avoid potential liability.

**Policy Objectives:**

Parties who contact the Village regarding vehicles that require towing should be referred to a qualified towing company, as well as being referred to our towing policy.

When Village equipment becomes stuck in snow or mud, Village staff will be authorized to tow in accordance with Section 2.02 of the Motor Vehicle Act Regulations which states:

*“(a) a vehicle on a highway that, as a result of collision, or otherwise, ceases to be properly equipped under the Act or these regulations shall be removed from the highway forthwith or taken on the highway to a garage or repair shop by a tow car or other vehicle capable of safely carrying out the movement, and  
(b) a vehicle that is not properly equipped under the Act or these regulations may be moved on a highway, in order to take the vehicle to a garage or repair shop, by a tow car or other vehicle capable of safely carrying out the movement, and in either case, if the person then in charge of the vehicle takes reasonable precaution for the safety of traffic on the highway, these regulations are, with respect to the equipment that is defective, suspended.”*

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