



# Snow & Ice Surrey, BC Style

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# **About Surrey**



Located along Canada's west coast in the province of British Columbia.

2nd largest city in BC and the 12th largest city in Canada with a growing population of over 525,000.

We're set to become the most populated city in British Columbia by 2020, as people from around the world continue to move to one of the youngest and most culturally diverse cities in Canada.







## Infrastructure

Sanitary Sewer	Units			
Main	1,500 km			
Service Connections	81,000			
Manholes	24,000			
Lift Stations	30			

Water	Units
Main	1,835 km
Service Connections	90,046
Manholes	24,000
Water Meters	61,196
Lift Stations	10

Drainage	Units
Main	1,900 km
Service Connections	130,000
Manholes	28,000
Open Streams	1,500 km
Lift Stations	28

Roads	Units
Roads	2,000 km
Sidewalks	1,400 km
Signs	77,000
Vehicle Bridges	40
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# Infrastructure

Surrey Snow & Ice Priority and "Lane" Kilometres:

- Priority 1: 1,500 lane km
- Priority 2: 1,200 lane km
- Priority 3: 1,800 lane km
   Total: 4,500 lane km







### **Equipment Type**

- Dump Trucks: 21
- One-Ton Trucks: 22
- Graders: 5
- Brining Units: 10
- One-Ton Brining Units : 3

### Total Snow Clearing Equipment: 61





Three Facilities Strategically Located with salt and brine storage

- Hemlock Yard
- Central Operations Centre & Fleet Centre
- South Operations Centre

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### **Hemlock Yard**

- 5 Acre facility ;
- Salt Capacity of 250 tonnes;
- Staff amenities include a drying room, individual lockers, showers, washer and dryer, and lunch room
- Gantry and monorail for salter and plow installing. This reduces injuries and increases efficiency





### **Surrey Operations Centre**

- 114,000 sqft Operations Facility;
- 14,000 sqft warehouse;
- Staff amenities include a drying room, individual lockers, showers, washer and dryer, lunch room, bike storage and fitness centre;
- In addition, we have an outdoor atrium area to host staff appreciation events as well as a staff training centre with the latest technology.



### **Fleet Operations Centre**

- 54,000 sqft fleet building;
- Our Fleet Centre was designed and constructed to be completely operational in post disaster conditions. It has its own water system, generators and communications system; with the ability to be an Emergency Operations Centre.
- Automated wash bay with salinity deactivator solution, increasing the service life of our equipment and decreasing environmental tracking.





Surrey Operations Centre – Salt Shed

- Henderson brine maker
- Fully automated filling with low level alerts
- Capacity of 17,000 metric tonnes

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### **South Surrey Operations Centre**

- 5 acres facility
- 250 tonne salt capacity
- 10,000 sqft Operations Facility;
- 20,000 sqft warehouse;
- Staff amenities include a drying room, individual lockers, showers, washer and dryer, lunch room and bike storage;



### Brine

- Strategically located at our three Operation Centres in Surrey for efficiency ;
- Total capacity of **84,000 gallons**.



# **Operations Centre**



# **Original Operations Centre**

The original Operation Centre was located in Cloverdale near the current Library(177 Street and 56 Avenue). It remained in Cloverdale until 1963 when the new Operations Centre was built.





## Video



## **Operations Centre**

In 2013 the current facility started construction.



### **Review of Winter Weather Trends**



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#### Winters with Record Cold Snaps - Past 70 Years



### **Review of Winter Weather Trends**

- Coverage was provided 24/7 for <u>54 Days</u> versus average of 9 days in typical winters.
- 22,500 Hours of OT versus average of 4,000 hours in typical winters
- Over <u>5,000 snow & ice</u> <u>related Services Requests</u> were handled versus average of 300 service requests in typical winters



# Future Actions

- 1. Local roads: immediate service to local roads post storm event and completion of other priorities
- 2. Develop/implement proactive steps to educating customers
- 3. Establish communication links with CMB
- 4. Establish key sidewalk linkages and providing assistance to Parks where required
- 5. Implement technology improvements
- 6. Develop an overall City plan for the facilities.



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# 2. Develop/implement proactive steps to educating customers

- a) Newspaper Ads
- b) School Programs
- c) Snow Plow Painting Contest
- d) Colouring contest
- e) Social media
- f) New web page



### 3. Establish communication links with CMB

- Facilitated direct communication between CMB and our Central Dispatch ;
- Provided CMB access to City intersection cameras;
- CMB equipped buses with new traction technology;
- CMB worked to clear bus shelters of snow.



Simon Agnew, maintenance engineer with Coast Mountain Bus, shows off tire socks that will be used for the first time this winter. They cost \$250 a pair and are only good for one shift. FRANCIS GEORGIAN / PNG



### 4. Establish key sidewalk linkages and providing

### assistance to Parks where required

- Piloted key sidewalk linkages that requiring clearing
- Early notification of property owner responsibilities required in commercial areas



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Investment in dual
 purpose equipment





### **5.Implement technology improvements**

Installed 5 new stations for its Road Weather Information System(RWIS).



### **5.Implement technology improvements**

With the success of the Automated Vehicle Locator (AVL) in the 2017, Surrey expanded AVL to it's entire fleet, which is more than 300 pieces of equipment.



# Video



At the City of Surrey, we recognize that ongoing public outreach and education are fundamental to raising awareness of public works related services that we provide to our community on a day-to-day basis.



**School Tours:** Students from grades 3 to 7 received tours of our new state-of-the-art Operations Facility and received presentations on public works as a career choice. In total, our tours reached over 750 students from 24 classes and 8 different schools. With inclusion being fundamental to us, we included schools with lower economic strength and paid for the busing.



#### **Snow Plow Painting:**

Elementary grade students from across Surrey participated in snow plow painting...





...Kids were taught about the importance of snow removal and how the City carries out its snow & ice operations.



Popsicle Stick Bridge Building and Annual Colouring Contest: Raises awareness of public works as a career choice with fun activities to make it easier to understand the process of building and maintaining engineering infrastructure. The prize for the colouring contest was a one year family recreation pass, prompting public works facilitates and healthy lifestyle's.





# Staff Engagement

Public Works Staff at all levels are both involved and enthusiastic at staff events. Examples are:





- Operations Center Cup
- Hockey tournaments
- Base Ball tournaments
  We have consistently have a
  20% increase in participation

year over year.



# Thank You

• Questions

