



Health & Safety/By-Law Notice

Over the last 4 weeks there have been concerns brought forward by the Public Works Department regarding residents and/or snow removal contractors who have left snow ridges across public roadways after removing snow from their driveways/lanes. The reasons that this is a concern is that it creates a public safety risk and contravenes a Township by-law.

The 3 primary reasons why leaving snow ridges on the roadway are dangerous:

- a) A vehicle could strike a snow ridge which could cause a driver to lose control of their vehicle causing an incident that could result in personal injury and/or property damage.
- b) A vehicle could swerve to avoid hitting a snow ridge causing the vehicle to swerve into oncoming traffic or lose control causing an incident where there is personal injury or property damage.
- c) A Township snow plow could hit a large enough snow ridge or a frozen snow ridge that could cause the plow unit to spin out or lose control and cause an incident where there is personal injury to the driver/general public and damage to personal property and/or damage to an important piece of Township Road clearing equipment.

Billings Township By-law 2019-06 being the by-law to regulate the parking of motor vehicles on and the obstruction of municipal highways, states the following:

2(c) No person or persons by themselves, agent or otherwise shall deposit, place or cause to be deposited or placed any article(s), material(s), sign(s) snow, earth or other item(s) so as to obstruct any highway at any time.

Your efforts in working to protect people and property and complying with Township by-laws will be greatly appreciated, thank you!