

Request for Decision



To: Committee of the Whole
From: **Outside Works**
Date: April 8, 2019
Subject: Snow Clearing Policy
Recommendation: **THAT the Committee of the Whole asks staff to bring forward the revised snow clearing policy for further consideration at the April 22, 2019 Regular Meeting.**

Background

The last snow clearing policies were drafted in 2012 and require updating with new information. The sidewalk clearing Policy 1104 has been incorporated into this revision of Policy 1103. The draft policy lays out the snow clearing priorities and trigger points. No major changes are proposed to the priority routes although they are being updated to include the new Silver Kettle path on 72nd Avenue.

The snow clearing policy sets the minimum standard for roads and sidewalks. After setting the policy, it is important to follow it because of insurance implications. As long as the policy is followed, City liability is minimized if there is an insurance claim.

Service levels are determined by the trigger points and the length of priority one routes. Most trigger points were not defined in the previous policy although some are contained in other policies. Council may adjust the service level and budget required by changing the length of priority one routes or the trigger points. The draft policy approximately reflects the current service level and related budget amount.

Benefits or Impacts

General

The snow policy affects insurance claims as it sets the minimum expected standard for snow clearing.

Strategic Impact



Fiscal Responsibility

- Ensure that service levels align with taxation levels.

Policy/Legislation

This would amend Policy 1103 and rescind Policy 1104.

Attachments

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Options

1. THAT the Committee of the Whole accepts the report.
2. THAT the Committee of the Whole does not accept the report.
3. THAT the Committee of the Whole refers the matter back to staff for further information.