
REVIEW OF WINTER OPERATIONS ON ROADWAYS

ACS2016-COS-PWS-0026

CITY WIDE

REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Transportation Committee recommend that Council approve \$3.2 Million net in cost containment strategies and operational adjustments as outlined in this report, including:

- a) Establishing a tiered response approach that adjusts the ratio of internal and contracted services (anticipated operating savings of \$1.5 Million);**
- b) Adjusting salting and plowing routes to meet Maintenance Quality Standards (anticipated operating savings of \$1.2 Million);**
- c) Amending the Maintenance Quality Standards for Roads to increase the minimum depth of snow accumulation for deployment of resources from 7cm to 10cm for Class 5 roads (residential roadways and lanes) (anticipated operating savings of \$1 Million), including:**
 - i. Approving the reinvestment of \$0.5 Million of the operational savings in subsequent annual budgets to decrease the length of time it takes to complete residential roadway plowing operations;**
 - ii. Amending the Winter Overnight Parking Ban such that the ban will be in effect when there is a 10 cm snowfall or a range that includes 10 cm is forecast; and,**

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- d) **Delegating the authority to Public Works and Emergency and Protective Services staff, in consultation with Legal Services, to list on the agenda of Council any related by-laws necessary to put Council's decisions into effect.**

Correspondence was received from the following, the majority of which specifically identified opposition to the proposal to change the MQS (Maintenance Quality Standards) for snow clearing from 7 cm to 10 cm, because of the impact this would have on travel for all road users. A copy of each submission is held on file.

1. Brenda Christopher email dated 30 June
2. Jules Fugere email dated 30 June
3. Len MacPherson email dated 30 June
4. Steven Poole email dated 30 June
5. Tom Lockett email dated 30 June
6. Edith Clark email dated 1 July
7. Noel Quinn emails dated 1 July
8. Terry Munroe email dated 1 July
9. Laura Andrussek emails dated 3 and 4 July
10. Doug Kirkland submission dated 4 July
11. Marilyn Akow letter dated 4 July
12. Derek R. MacLeod submission dated 5 July
13. Darlene Welch email dated 5 July
14. Champlain Park Community Association email dated 5 July
15. Citizens for Safe Cycling email dated 5 July
16. Michel Haddad email dated 5 July
17. Rick Valley email dated 5 July
18. Lowertown Community Association letter dated 5 July
19. Keith McLean email dated 6 July

Kevin Wylie, General Manager, Public Works, together with Luc Gagne, Manager, Road Services provided a detailed presentation of the report. A copy of their PowerPoint presentation is held on file. Following the public delegations, they responded to questions posed by Committee and Council members.

The following delegations spoke in particular opposition to Recommendation c:

Paul Norris, Hunt Club Park Community Association

Clarence Dungey, representing the general community of seniors *

Alex Cullen, Federation of Citizen's Associations recommended deferring the report to the fall in order to allow public consultation.

Sean McKenny, Ottawa and District Labour Council expressed particular concern with the lack of consultation with stakeholders. He also questioned whether there was enough money being put into the annual budget for snow removal.

Brian Madden and Larry O'Keefe, CUPE 503 expressed concerns about the lack of consultation and the impact the recommendations would have on contractors.

James Valcke, Hintonburg Community Association was registered to speak but had to leave before being called up.

*[* Individuals / groups marked with an asterisk above either provided comments in writing or by e-mail; all submissions are held on file with the City Clerk.]*

Rick O'Connor, City Clerk and Solicitor, together with David White, Deputy City Solicitor, Litigation and Labour Relations, responded to questions and concerns posed by Committee and Council members. They confirmed that the City is under no obligation to provide notice to the various union organizations to which it contracts out and there is nothing in the report that contravenes the collective agreements.

Steve Kanellakos, City Manager also responded to questions of Committee and Council members with regards to the fact that service reviews do not require public consultation and this report was about looking for efficiencies.

Vice Chair McKenney proposed the following motion:

WHEREAS maintaining positive labour relations with our staff is a priority for Council; and

WHEREAS CUPE 503 was not consulted on the report recommendations; and

WHEREAS there is time over the summer for staff to consult more fully with CUPE 503 on recommendation a) of the staff report;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Recommendation a) of the staff report be deferred until the next Transportation Committee meeting, and that staff be directed to consult with CUPE 503 on this recommendation and report back on the results of those consultations, which may include a revised recommendation.

In light of the Staff Direction provided (see below), the Vice Chair agreed to withdraw her motion.

Committee discussion focused on the lack of public consultation in the preparation of the report and recognition of public opposition to the change in snow removal.

EXTRACT OF DRAFT
TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
MINUTES 16
6 JULY 2016

EXTRAIT DE L'ÉBAUCHE DU
PROCÈS-VERBAL 16 DU COMITÉ
DES TRANSPORTS
LE 6 JUILLET 2016

MOTION TRC 16/2

Moved by Councillor K. Egli

WHEREAS, although the response to the majority of the changes to Winter Operations recommended in the staff report has been positive, Members of Council have heard overwhelmingly from the public that they prefer that the threshold for residential snow clearing remain at 7 centimetres; and

WHEREAS, while Committee understands that not proceeding with the staff recommended change from 7 centimetres to 10 centimetres would mean foregoing \$500,000 in net savings, the adoption of the rest of the report recommendations will allow Council to respond to the public's desire to keep the current threshold while still creating meaningful budget efficiencies;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Recommendation c), including subsections i. and ii., be deleted, with the result that the maintenance quality standard for class 5 roads (residential roadways and lanes) will be 7 centimetres.

CARRIED

DIRECTIONS TO STAFF:

That staff report back in the spring of 2017, with an update on how successful they have been or what issues they have experienced along the way to implementing whatever is approved by Council on 13 July 2016.

That the City Manager meet with representatives of CUPE 503 and report to Council on July 13th, if the report is based on the current timelines.

That staff report back by the July 13th Council meeting on the budget impact associated with snow removal vis à vis higher density/infill development, on-street parking, et cetera.