

Item	Motion re: Winter Road Maintenance and Sidewalk Safety
Mover	Councillor Shwery
Seconder	Councillor Ermeta

Recommendation

WHEREAS residents have raised ongoing concerns regarding winter road maintenance and sidewalk safety; and

WHEREAS residents should be notified at the beginning of the season of what winter maintenance includes; and

WHEREAS based on residents' responses they feel inadequate snow clearing and salting presents a significant public safety risk, particularly for seniors and vulnerable residents; and

WHEREAS Council has a responsibility to prioritize core services such as snow plowing and by-law enforcement that residents expect their property taxes to support;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Staff provide a report to Council in March explaining the Provincial Minimum Maintenance Standards for winter operations, identifying the challenges experienced during the 2025/2026 winter season, and presenting a range of options to enhance current service levels for Council's consideration such as increased and more timely snow removal and salting of residential roads and city sidewalks.