

Councillor Hamilton’s Notice of Motion re: Improving Sidewalk Snow Removal Services for Cambridge Older Adults and Other Residents with Special Needs.

Whereas the City of Cambridge receives large amounts of snowfall in the winter months, and residents are required to clear their sidewalks within 36 hours of a snowfall event;

Whereas this requirement can create difficulty for some older adults, individuals with physical or cognitive impairments, and special needs, that may not be able to clear snow from sidewalks within this timeframe, or at all;

Whereas the City of Cambridge has not amended its snow-removal programs for older adults and groups in need, nor has it amended the funding provided to assist older adults and groups in need, since November of 2005;

Whereas the population of Cambridge has increased substantially, from 110,000 in 2005 to 138,000 in 2022, with the number of older adults in our community rising as well;

Whereas it is essential for the health and wellbeing of our community, and its growing older adult population, to ensure that all residents are able to safely walk to different

neighbourhoods, shops, services, and community centres, at all times of the year;

Therefore be it resolved that Council direct the Director of Operations of Infrastructure Services to report back to Council in the second quarter of 2022, with a plan that provides options to support older adult property owners, and those with special needs, in winter maintenance of sidewalks; and staff provide multiple program options, including costs, resources required, feasibility and a timeline for the implementation of an enhanced program to be incorporated in the 2023 operating budget