

Monday, February 23, 2015

Chair and Members
Civic Works Committee

Dear Colleagues,

At the Civic Works Committee meeting of 3 February 2015 a lengthy discussion took place concerning our winter maintenance program. The discussion clearly demonstrated a strong desire on the part of the committee to improve the level of snow clearing service that the City of London provides to residents.

Some of the aspects of snow clearing that we believe could be improved are:

1. Prioritization of sidewalks by pedestrian usage rather than vehicle usage
2. Priority clearance of sidewalks close to elementary and secondary schools to encourage walking to school
3. Clearing of snow in areas with a higher proportion of seniors or mobility-impaired residents
4. Clearing the paths in parks where those paths are the preferred pedestrian routes
5. Clearing of snow in parking bays

We propose that Civic Administration be directed to undertake a series of pilot tests in all of these areas to determine the impact and cost implications – if any – of these potential changes in policy, within the existing budget allocation for snow control. We recognize that by improving the level of service on a permanent basis, there could be possible operating budget implications.

Best regards,

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