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Meeting: Priorities & Finance Committee

Meeting Date: 2021 January 12

NOTICE OF MOTION

RE: Updates to Snow and Ice Control (SNIC) Policy to Respond to Significant Winter Storm Events

Sponsoring Councillor(s): Jeff Davison, Ward Sutherland

WHEREAS timely clearance of snow from sidewalks, pathways, active mobility infrastructure and roadways is essential for ensuring safety and accessibility for Calgarians;

AND WHEREAS The City of Calgary manages snow and ice control operations on City infrastructure within City of Calgary Right of Ways in accordance with Council approved policy and priority system, relevant City Bylaws and the Municipal Government Act (MGA);

AND WHEREAS The intent of the snow and ice control program is to minimize the economic loss to communities, reduce the inconvenience and hazards of winter conditions for motorists, cyclists and pedestrians, and facilitate the operation of Transit and Emergency Services vehicles;

AND WHEREAS The City of Calgary has among the lowest winter maintenance budgets per lane kilometre for larger Canadian municipalities;

AND WHEREAS it is recognized that comparable conditions on residential facilities are not cleared to a similar standard established for central business district, expressway, major or collector roads, bus stop, LRT platform and designated sidewalk or pathways under the current policy;

AND WHEREAS snowstorms with heavy accumulations and/or severe conditions require Council approval to declare a snow emergency and severe storms can occur between Council meetings;

AND WHEREAS with climate change, more severe winter weather events are being experienced in many jurisdictions including Calgary and the last SNIC policy update was 2011;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that City Council directs City Administration to make amendments to TP004 Snow and Ice Control Policy with particular consideration to:

1. Give City Administration authority and ability to declare a snow emergency to deploy additional resources on a city-wide basis during significant winter weather events that are above the current Snow and Ice Control priority system with funding to be allocated from SNIC reserves when necessary;
2. Request that City Administration develop a detailed criteria for the deployment of additional resources to execute a clearing program in residential areas/routes and outline Administration's deployment of resources when significant accumulations of snow or conditions warrant enhanced service to supplement the existing Snow and Ice Control Program;
3. Update TP0004 Snow and Ice Control Policy to be consistent with Council-approved direction for responding to significant/extreme winter events and report to the SPC on Transportation and Transit no

later than June 2021. Included but not limited to cost estimates and well defined criteria for when an emergency event is enacted.