

Priorities Committee Meeting_Sep18_2018

STRATEGIC INITIATIVE AND UPDATE**Winter Maintenance Update****Report Purpose**

To provide Priorities Committee with an overview of the Winter Maintenance Policy and highlights from the 2017-2018 winter season.

Council History

April 4, 2017 – Council approved SER-009-026 Winter Maintenance Policy – Roads, Sidewalks, and Parking Lots, as set out in Enclosure 1 of the April 4, 2017 Transportation and Agriculture Services report, as revised.

October 11, 2011 - Council approved SER-009-026 Winter Maintenance Policy – Roads, Sidewalks, and Parking Lots, as revised.

September 22, 2009 - Council approved SER-009-026 Winter Maintenance Policy – Roads, Sidewalks, and Parking Lots, as revised.

August 18, 2009 - Council approved SER-009-026 Winter Maintenance Policy – Roads, Sidewalks, and Parking Lots, as revised.

June 30, 2009 - Council approved SER-009-026 Winter Maintenance Policy – Roads, Sidewalks, and Parking Lots, as revised.

January 19, 1993 – Council approved SER-009-026 Winter Maintenance Policy – Roads, Sidewalks, and Parking Lots.

Strategic Plan Priority Areas

Economy: Roads, sidewalks and parking lots are cleared in a cost-effective and efficient manner.

Governance: n/a

Social:

Culture: n/a

Environment: n/a

Other Impacts

Policy: n/a

Legislative/Legal: n/a

Interdepartmental: Enforcement Services

Summary

Administration regularly reviews its Winter Maintenance Policy with Council to ensure it effectively addresses snow clearing needs as the community grows and changes. The policy is based on a priority system which classifies road types in the rural and urban service areas. The priority classification (Priority 1-4) determines the level of service applied to the roads based on snow accumulation.

Additions and amendments were made to the policy in 2011 and again in 2013 to address large snowfalls in a short timeline.

Snowfall accumulations after 2014 have been minimal and snow removal on Priority 3 and Priority 4 roads in Sherwood Park were not required until the 2017-18 season. In January and February 2018, we met criteria to clear snow routes and residential streets, respectively.

Highlights and challenges from 2017-2018

- Review of Priority 4 residential clearing challenges and costs
- Review of road classifications based on traffic volumes
- Trails and de-icing requests

Enclosure

1 Winter Maintenance Program 2017-18 Review