STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON

INFRASTRUCTURE RENEWAL AND PUBLIC WORKS

QUESTION PERIOD

Minute No. 377
Councillor Vandal questioned why the item regarding the elimination of plastic grocery bags was laid over for 180 days.

Councillor Clement replied that they were still waiting for a document from the Provincial Government. He noted that the Province was working on the same issue and that the City was waiting to find out what the Province was going to implement as legislation before they did anything.

Councillor Pagtakhan noted that there had been a couple of situations where regional streets have been cleaned, but there was a lot of sand left behind on the sidewalks. He questioned if there was a coordinated effort to ensure that on regional streets, the sidewalks were cleaned in conjunction with the streets.

Councillor Clement advised that the sidewalks and boulevards, even on regional streets, were for the most part dealt with by the Parks Division. He cited that in many cases they could not coordinate the street cleaning and the boulevard cleaning because of weather - if you go on the grass too early, it gets destroyed. Councillor Clement agreed that it would be nice if it could all be done at the same time, but that it was difficult.

Councillor Pagtakhan questioned if the Chairperson was committed to streamlining the process, by having staff take an inventory of what streets could be cleaned in conjunction and by ensuring that whatever regional streets did not have grass issues, problems were addressed at the same time as roads to which the Chairperson replied that he would be happy to discuss it with the Director.