STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON INFRASTRUCTURE RENEWAL

AND PUBLIC WORKS

QUESTION PERIOD

Minute No. 348
Councillor Swandel requested an update on the status of the current street cleaning operations noting that the streets seemed to be getting done but a lot of material was left on the boulevards, sidewalks and the edge of the streets.

Councillor Clement advised that the process was a bit slow and even more so this year, as more material was placed on the streets due to the ice storms in November and February, but good progress had been made. He further advised that the boulevards would be done later on as they were too wet and would get destroyed if the brushes got on the boulevards.

Councillor Swandel noted that residential streets were not being signed for street cleaning and, based on the assumption that vehicles where not being ticketed, questioned if residual material left due to a parked vehicle would be done on a complaint-based system. Councillor Clement replied that that they would go back if a complaint was called in or suggested that the Superintendent would respond to notification from the ward Councillor.

Councillor Swandel questioned if the same level of service that been provided in the past was still provided and that, from a service-based approach, any delay would have more to do with weather and climate conditions as opposed to any changes that may have affected the level of service.

Councillor Clement replied that there was no question that it was the same level of service; noting that there was a bit of a late start due to the weather and staff working on flood-related issues.

Councillor Gerbasi questioned if the Chair of Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works was aware of any reduction in summer student hires; to which Councillor Clement replied that he was not aware of any changes to service situations.

Councillor Gerbasi asked if there was in fact a reduction of 75 summer students if the City would be able to do the same level of service as last year to which Councillor Clement replied that it may be possible and that they would be informed very quickly if there were some kind of problem.