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Item No. 5 Sidewalk Snow Clearing

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Public Works and submitted the following to Council:

1. That the Council Motion of June 22, 2023, be received as information.

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by Councillor Lukes,
That the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Public Works be concurred in and forwarded to Council.

Carried

David Grant submitted a communication with respect to the matter.

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On September 11, 2023, the Standing Policy Committee on Public Works recommended to the Executive Policy Committee and Council:

1. That the Council Motion of June 22, 2023, be received as information.

COUNCIL DECISION:

On June 22, 2023, Council ruled automatic referral of the following motion to the Standing Policy Committee on Public Works:

Moved by Councillor Allard,
Seconded by Councillor Gilroy,

WHEREAS citizens of Winnipeg have identified that better snow clearing for sidewalks is a matter of human rights and safety of Citizens of Winnipeg;

AND WHEREAS on June 26, 2023, the Standing Policy Committee on Public Works will consider a public service report on options for snow clearing in the City of Winnipeg;

AND WHEREAS the report has identified a higher level of snow clearing for sidewalks and the budget implications to improve sidewalk snow clearing;

AND WHEREAS Option 1 found on page 10 of the report is matching snow clearing level of service on all sidewalks and pathways;

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

COUNCIL DECISION (continued):

AND WHEREAS in Option 1, P3 sidewalks and pathways would be plowed following a 5 cm snowfall accumulation (vs the current 8 cm) and be completed within 36 hours following the end of an average storm (vs the current 5 days), the same as Priority 1 (P1) and Priority 2 (P2) sidewalks and pathways;

AND WHEREAS this option would result in the need for additional internal resources to account for additional equipment, operators and mechanics, in addition to increased costs for external contracts due to the increase in plowing events on P3 sidewalks and pathways;

AND WHEREAS the equipment purchase would require a total delivery time of approximately 14 months;

AND WHEREAS in order to implement this option, it is anticipated that Council would be required to approve the following budget additions in the estimated amounts of:

Item	Type	Estimated Amount
Fleet Purchase of 54 additional sidewalk machines	Capital	$11,801,900
Annual costs for Leasing of 54 sidewalk machines, external contracts, Operator 2 FTEs, and Garage Mechanic FTEs	Operating	$7,153,800

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That Council refer Option 1 contained in the administrative report titled Annual Report on Snow Clearing and Ice Control and Spring Cleanup Programs, dated June 2, 2023, to the 2024-2027 Multi-Year Budget Process for implementation in the 2024 winter season, which includes the following:

    A. An estimated Capital cost of $11,801,900 for the Fleet Purchase of 54 additional sidewalk machines.

    B. Annual estimated Operating costs of $7,153,800 for the leasing of 54 sidewalk machines, external contracts, Operator 2 FTEs, and Garage Mechanic FTEs.

2. That the Proper Officers of the City be authorized to do all things necessary to implement the intent of the foregoing.