

SUBMISSION – DAVID GRANT

REPORT OF THE STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS DATED
SEPTEMBER 11, 2023 – ITEM 6 – SNOW CLEARING ON SIDEWALKS AND PATHWAYS

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Delegation information

Committee: Council

Committee - council: Opposed to the recommendations

Committee - other: N/A

Agenda item (number and title): pw 6

Service inquiry: Register as a Delegation, Submit Comments in writing

Participation preference: Via Zoom

Comments in writing: To clear snow is to expend a lot of energy. Clearing it sooner and more completely is to expend much more energy.

There are conflicting pressures on city hall. A few loud voices call for clearing more often. The majority of those living on less traveled roads just want plowing in fewer days after a snowfall. We have been told that the world will end if we do not stop using fossil fuel. All snow clearing is fossil fuel powered. All the calls for more clearing are calls to burn more fossil fuel. Often they are from the same people.

We know that a vehicle on a snow covered road uses more fuel per km. I call for a calculation of the fuel used to plow versus the extra fuel used by traffic if the road is not plowed. I suspect that 20 years ago, snow clearing policy, which was driven by the cost to the city, may have been optimum for not wasting fossil fuel. I suspect that changes since then have been wasting more fuel for the convenience of a few users. If you really fear global warming, you will call for the climate implications, every time someone demands for more plowing.

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Public engagement preference: Yes