

Report to Council

Report Title: Sidewalk Tender Follow Up

Prepared By: Jamie Morgan, Director of Operations

Department: Public Works

Date: December 17, 2018

Report Number: PW2018-29 **File Number:** C11PW

Attachments: Ontario Regulation 239/02 Maintenance Standards

Recommendation:

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number PW2018-29 - Sidewalk Tender Follow Up, prepared by Jamie Morgan, Director of Operations for information purposes and approves closing the sidewalks in the hamlets of Chepstow, Cargill and Elmwood with appropriate signage.

Report:

Background:

The Municipality of Brockton has a Winter Maintenance Policy of Sidewalks (Policy T06-99-17) regarding snow removal. Due to limited funds, equipment, and staffing, not all sidewalks receive this service. At the present time, the Municipality has one sidewalk maintainer, and it is limited to only certain sidewalks in Walkerton. The villages and/or hamlets in Brockton do not receive this sidewalk snow removal service. Multiple reports have been brought forward to Council with discussion of reaching out to individuals within Bruce and Grey County to have this service completed for the 2018/2019 winter season. An advertisement for contractors was also placed in the early fall of 2018.

Analysis

All persons whose names have been provided to Staff by Council have been contacted in respect to completing the snow removal in the hamlets of Chepstow, Cargill and Elmwood. No person has been able to meet all requirements of the *Ontario Regulation 239/02 Maintenance Standards*, which has been attached to this report for review. A main issue that arose from those contacted was the inability to apply salt and sand as required, due to the lack of necessary equipment.

Staff have also considered whether there are any legislated accessibility requirements with respect to removing snow from the sidewalks. *Ontario Regulation 413/12* made under the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005* establishes that any accessibility standards for sidewalks only apply when a sidewalk

is newly constructed or redeveloped. As a result, there are no legislative provisions regulating accessibility that must be followed when considering snow removal on sidewalks in the Municipality of Brockton.

At this point in the year with no immediate resolution of the challenge associated with clearing the sidewalks, and no time or funds available to purchase equipment to serve the 2018/2019 winter season staff recommends continuing to close the sidewalks in the hamlets of Chepstow, Cargill and Elmwood with posted “No Winter Maintenance of Sidewalk” signage.

A complete review of Brockton’s Winter Maintenance of Sidewalks and Roads Policy is scheduled for early 2019 to ensure going forward there will be clear direction and budgeting for equipment expenditures.

Sustainability Checklist:

What aspect of the Brockton Sustainable Strategic Plan does the content/recommendations in this report help advance?

- Do the recommendations help move the Municipality closer to its Vision? N/A
- Do the recommendations contribute to achieving Cultural Vibrancy? N/A
- Do the recommendations contribute to achieving Economic Prosperity? N/A
- Do the recommendations contribute to Environmental Integrity? N/A
- Do the recommendations contribute to the Social Equity? N/A

Financial Impacts/Source of Funding:

- Do the recommendations represent a sound financial investment from a sustainability perspective?
N/A
Financial impact will be reviewed and included in the Winter Maintenance policy review.

Reviewed By:



Trish Serratore, Chief Financial Officer

Respectfully Submitted by:



Jamie Morgan, Director of Operations

Reviewed By:

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Sonya Watson, Chief Administrative Officer