

Report to Council

Report Title:	Significant Weather Event Policy		
Prepared By:	Sonya Watson, Chief Administrative Officer		
Department:	Public Works		
Date:	February 12, 2019		
Report Number:	PW2019-07	File Number:	C11PW, T06
Attachments:	Draft Significant Weather Event Policy		

Recommendation:

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number PW2019-07 – Significant Weather Event Policy, prepared by Sonya Watson, Chief Administrative Officer, for information purposes and further approves a By-Law coming forward adopting the Significant Weather Event Policy.

Report:

Background:

Ontario Regulation 239/02 was amended in 2018 to allow for the declaration of a “Significant Weather Event”. On January 29, 2019 the Municipality of Brockton declared a Significant Weather Event in accordance with *Municipal Act, 2001* through Ontario Regulation 239/02 Minimum Maintenance Standards for Municipal Highways due to the severity of the winter storm event and the municipality’s ability to keep up with snow removal activities. This was the municipalities first time declaring a Significant Weather Event. Staff have developed a policy that supports the declarations of such an event as they may occur in the future.

Analysis:

A significant weather event means an approaching or occurring hazard which has the potential to pose a significant danger to users of the municipalities’ roadways and/or sidewalks. This may include:

- Significant snow accumulation in a 24 hour period,
- Ice formation that occurs with no warning,
- High winds leading to large snow drifts, and/or
- Cold temperatures at which de-icing operations will not be effective

Attached is "The Significant Weather Event Policy" we recommend for Council's consideration to be brought forward and adopted by By-Law.

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? Yes
- Do the recommendations contribute to achieving Cultural Vibrancy? Yes
- Do the recommendations contribute to achieving Economic Prosperity? Yes
- Do the recommendations contribute to Environmental Integrity? Yes
- Do the recommendations contribute to the Social Equity? Yes

Financial Impacts/Source of Funding:

- Do the recommendations represent a sound financial investment from a sustainability perspective? Yes

Reviewed By:



Chief Financial Officer

Respectfully Submitted by:



Sonya Watson, Chief Administrative Officer