



Furthermore, it would be necessary for the Municipality of Brockton to hire a seasonal operator for an approximate cost of \$40,000 (salary and benefits). The annual operating cost is estimated to be \$65,000 for maintenance and fuel of the purchased equipment, extra salt and sand as required for the Hamlets of Chepstow, Cargill and Elmwood, as well as a truck and trailer to haul the equipment.

**Option 2) Continue with the Municipality of Brockton current maintenance practices**

Currently the Municipality of Brockton closes sidewalks in the Hamlets of Chepstow, Cargill and Elmwood, making it difficult for the pedestrians of the hamlets to walk safely in areas. If the Municipality of Brockton continues with this practice, staff will mark all closed sidewalks and ensure residents are aware that the Municipality will be proceeding with this practice.

**Option 3) Implement Snow Removal Policy or By-law**

Staff has researched other municipalities Winter Sidewalk Maintenance policies and By-laws as an option to implement a practice within the Municipality of Brockton.

Municipalities have passed By-laws where the municipality is responsible for snow maintenance in front of all Municipal owned property. All other sidewalks are maintained throughout the winter by property owners with sidewalk in front or beside their property. This course of action may be more effective in larger cities where properties are smaller and snow fall is more easily managed.

We seek Council’s direction to move forward based on the options presented.

**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
- There is a financial commitment for the 2019 budget required to conduct snow removal in the Hamlets of Chepstow, Cargill and Elmwood as outlined above.

**Reviewed By:**



**Chief Financial Officer**

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