

Date: June 2, 2025

To: **Mayor and Council.**

Name and title: Blake McIntosh, Director of Civic Operations

Subject: Statutory Holidays – Snow and Ice Control Policy Amendment Options

Attachment(s): “Snow and Ice Control Policy 2025 Pilot Program Amendment”
“Snow Clearing on Statutory Holidays” staff report to Council presented on April 23, 2025

Recommendation(s):

That Council CONSIDERS the options presented in the report dated June 2, 2025 from the Director of Civic Operations, titled “Statutory Holidays – Snow and Ice Control Policy Amendment Options.”

Purpose:

This report is before Council to provide information on three potential options to amend the existing Snow and Ice Control Policy regarding winter operations for snow events that occur on or during a statutory holiday. Administration is seeking Council direction on the preferable option for a one year pilot project with the implemented change.

Background:

At the April 23, 2025, open council meeting, Administration presented the attached report “Snow Clearing on Statutory Holidays” that provided information on service level factors that could inform a potential amendment to change existing snow clearing processes on statutory holidays. Council directed Administration to return a revised Snow and Ice Control Policy with three options for a one season pilot project to review changes to statutory holidays that included the following options for Council consideration:

1. No snow removal on statutory holidays
2. Increased allowable snow levels on statutory holidays
3. Prioritizing Priority 1 and 2 routes and decreasing service for priority 3 on statutory holidays.

Discussion:

Option 1 – No snow removal on statutory holidays.

This option would have no snow event operations occur on a statutory holiday. Operations on Priority 1, 2 and 3 routes including sidewalks and City off-street parking would not commence until the next non-statutory day.

Option 2 – Increased allowable snow levels on statutory holidays.

This option would have snow event service levels, outlined in the Snow and Ice Control Policy, reduced on statutory holidays. Minimum snow accumulation metrics for Priority 1 and 2 routes would be increased from 7.5 cm to 12.0 cm and completion times would potentially further extended to 48 hours after the statutory holiday. Minimum snow accumulation metrics for Priority 3 routes would be increased from 12.0cm to 20.0cm and completion times would be potentially further extended to 72 hours after the completion of Priority 2 areas.

Option 3 – Prioritizing Priority 1 and 2 routes and decreasing service levels for Priority 3 routes on statutory holidays

This option would have snow event service levels, outlined in the Snow and Ice Control Policy, reduced for Priority 3 routes on statutory holidays. Snow event operations would only occur on Priority 3 routes if a 20.0 cm snow accumulation is met while encompassing a statutory holiday. If the 20.0cm accumulation is not met, snow clearing on Priority 3 routes would not commence until the next non-statutory day.

The attached amended Snow and Ice Control Policy document reflects these options for Council consideration.

Strategic Priorities:

Snow and Ice Control supports the City's myPG goals of Organizational Excellence and Safe Environment.

Summary and conclusion:

As directed by Council, Administration has amended the existing Snow and Ice Control Policy to reflect three snow event options for clearing on statutory holidays. Administration is seeking Councils' preferred option to proceed with a one season pilot in which staff would implement a change to service levels on statutory holidays.

Respectfully submitted:

Blake McIntosh, Director of Civic Operations

Approved:

Walter Babicz, City Manager

Meeting date: [2025/07/28]