

January 9, 2019

Report To: Mayor and Council

From: Travis Rob, Manager of Operations and Facilities

RE: 2019 Capital Purchase of Sidewalk Sanding Attachment

With the changes to the Minimum Maintenance Standards for Municipal Highways passed into legislation in May of 2018, new requirements for sidewalk maintenance were introduced. These changes resulted in an increase of one full time Public Works Labourer and one seasonal labourer to ensure suitable coverage for winter control activities. At this time the Town operates two sidewalk machines, a 2012 Trackless blower with boom mower and a 2003 Holder blower with sweeper attachment. The Holder had a spreader for it, however due to years of salt exposure and little use, this spreader is no longer operational.

Since the changes to the Minimum Maintenance Standards, the Town has been looking to add a spreader to the Trackless and is looking for a pull behind trailer type of spreader for the larger capacity alleviating the need to re-fill frequently. Typically, our sidewalks, other than the underpass, do not get icy until the spring time once melt starts. In addition, the increase in sand application to sidewalks is going to result in a need to do more sweeping to clean up the sand in the spring time. Currently we only sweep certain sidewalks in close proximity to roadways where a lot of de-icing materials are used and the riverfront.

The 2019 Capital Budget includes a pull behind spreader trailer for the Trackless Sidewalk Machine and sweeper attachment. Approval is being sought to purchase this equipment immediately so that this important equipment can be ordered and be delivered prior to the spring melt season.

It is the recommendation of the Operations and Facilities Executive Committee to approve the capital purchase of a sidewalk sander and sweeper attachment for the Trackless Sidewalk Machine in advance of the approval of the 2019 Capital Budget at an estimated cost of \$40,000.00.

Respectfully Submitted



Travis Rob, P.Eng
Manager of Operations and Facilities

Council approval of this report will agree to the recommendation of the Operations and Facilities Executive Committee to approve the tendering of the capital purchase of a sidewalk sander and sweeper attachment for the Trackless Sidewalk Machine in advance of the approval of the 2019 Capital Budget at an estimated cost of \$40,000.00.