

February 19, 2020

Report To: Mayor and Council

From: Travis Rob, Manager of Operations and Facilities

RE: Email dated February 5, 2020 RE: Snow Removal on Colonization Road West

On Thursday January 30, 2020 the Operations and Facilities Division received a complaint from Sheri and Michael De Gagne of 1233 Colonization Road West regarding the removal of snowbanks on the 1200 block of Colonization Road west. That complaint and response is attached to this report.

Since our last big snowfall January 17 to January 19th, where a significant weather event was declared, Town crews have been working around the clock with rented additional trucks to remove snow from the downtown core, priority routes and school zones in accordance with the Towns Winter Control Policy. Once these priority areas are cleared, we need to start to remove dead end piles, lane piles and important corners throughout town so that in the event of more snow these areas are available for additional snow storage. From January 22 to February 6, 2020 the Town expended almost \$30,000.00 in truck rentals to try to get caught up on snow removal for only the priority routes and school zones.

Once the priority routes, downtown core, school zones, dead ends, and lane piles have been removed, and time permitting, we can start to look to remove snow from other roadways. Typically, where we can, we will push snow back with the grader to widen the roadway as opposed to hauling it away as it is more economical and time efficient. On February 11, Colonization Road, particularly the 1200 block was pushed back.

The request in the letter to remove the snow once the banks reach 0.6m in height is not feasible with the equipment and manpower in the Town's force. Implementing that change would have a direct and negative impact on the service we are currently providing to the school zones and priority routes.

It is the recommendation of the Operations and Facilities Executive Committee that no changes be made to the Winter Control Policy regarding snow removal and further that snow removal continues in accordance with past practice.

Respectfully Submitted



Travis Rob, P.Eng
Manager of Operations and Facilities

Council approval of this report will agree with the recommendation of the Operations and Facilities Executive Committee that no changes be made to the Winter Control Policy regarding snow removal and further that snow removal continues in accordance with past practice.