To: Chair and Members
Public Works Committee
Outstanding Business Item and Issue: Driveway Snow Clearing
PW08069

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Re: Driveway Snow Clearing (PW08069) (City Wide)

Council Direction:
On a motion at the January 14, 2008, Public Works Committee meeting, staff was directed to investigate and report on costs for driveway entrance snow clearing services for consideration as a possible enhancement to the Winter Control Program.

Information:
Based on data provided by the City of Toronto relative to a similar program provided for residential properties, Operations & Maintenance Division staff has prepared the following budget estimates based upon 2007 snow ploughing costs for the provision of Driveway Snow Clearing services within the City of Hamilton.

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<th>Service Area</th>
<th>Level of Service</th>
<th>Number of Entrances</th>
<th>Program Cost</th>
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<td>Residential</td>
<td>Each ploughing event</td>
<td>120,980</td>
<td>$1,693,720</td>
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<td>Other</td>
<td>Each ploughing event</td>
<td>39,400</td>
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The service delivery method employs a modified backhoe and a video of this operation may be viewed at http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lIt-wNEX7EZQ. This program budget estimate should be considered as accurate within a 15% +/- margin of error. Council should also be aware that due to people’s expectations the Driveway Snow Clearing program is Toronto’s single largest source of winter related complaints. If so directed, staff would engage the services of a consultant to refine the program estimate through more detailed research and analysis.

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