

Appendix E: Service Level Adjustment: Spring Sweep Program

The Roadways & Transportation Department performs an annual sweep of the road network every spring to clean up the sand and gravel placed for ice control throughout the winter, enhance traction control and safety of the roads, enhance and beautify the streetscape by picking up garbage and other fall/winter debris, and enhance drainage during rainfalls by reducing the amount of sand/gravel and debris that can block storm sewer drains and collect in the sewer system.

Administration is recommending an adjustment to the service level of the Spring Sweep Program. It is recommended that no sweeping occur on residential (local) roads, and sweeping activities only occur on arterial and collector roads, including transit routes and boulevards. These roads are considered a priority and this service adjustment would be in alignment with other municipalities and provincial health orders. Approximately 80% of all ice control materials placed over the course of the winter are on arterial and collector roads, therefore most of this material would be removed.

Administration is recommending this reduced level of service for 2020 due to challenges associated with COVID-19. The recommendation results in a more realistic volume of work being completed in a restricted timeline (spring sweep typically starts in early April and is completed before the start of the road construction season). It will reduce reliance on equipment maintenance which mitigates and reduces the likelihood of staff working in close proximity (enhanced social distancing). Reduced reliance on equipment maintenance and repairs will also be beneficial to fleet maintenance if they start experiencing staff availability issues. It also reduces the amount of City staff in residential neighbourhoods at a time many are in their homes which increases the congestion of vehicles in residential neighbourhoods.

Savings associated with this adjustment in service level for 2020 is estimated at \$400,000.