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**DEVELOPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES COMMISSION  
 PUBLIC WORKS SERVICES  
 INFORMATION REPORT PWS-2014-28**

**TO:** Mayor and Members of Council

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 Rob Prentice, Commissioner of Development and Infrastructure Services  
 Members of OLT

**SUBJECT:** 2014 Public Works Services Spring Operational Status

**ORIGIN:** Director, Public Works Services

In accordance with the Procedure By-law, any Member of Council may request this Information Report be placed on an upcoming Committee of the Whole agenda for discussion.

**COMMENTS**

The purpose of this report is to provide Town Council with information on the impacts of the 2013/2014 winter season on the spring operational status in Public Works Services. This past winter season saw abnormal conditions which resulted in extensive snow and ice removal operations. This informational report outlines the impact on general proactive winter work and outcomes of the winter season that may affect certain services in the spring. It will also outline what measures are being taken to mitigate those impacts.

The table below outlines the items, impact and actions being taken to address these challenges.

| <b>No.</b> | <b>Item</b>   | <b>Impact</b>  | <b>Action</b>   |
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| 1          | Forestry clean-up for branches frozen/covered in snow and additional damage in parks. | Additional pickup of debris along boulevards and within parks.   | Staff are monitoring boulevards/parks and responding to any customer service calls as needed. |
| 2          | Additional sod damage due to increased snow clearing and salt applications.           | Damage to sod will be more prevalent along sidewalks and along boulevards winter maintained by the Town. | An ongoing list of locations is being compiled and contractor services will aid in            |

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|    |   |   | completing the restorative efforts.  |
| 3  | High amounts of sand/salt being applied during the winter have resulted in extensive sand /salt build up in some locations.       | Increased time required to clean and sweep walkways, trails and curb faced sidewalks.   | Staff will be focusing on high priority and high use areas first (ex. Tom Taylor Trail) and responding to calls as appropriate.          |
| 4  | Significant amounts of garbage due to the extended winter and solid waste pick up delays during the ice storm.                    | Parks, boulevards and various properties may have higher than normal amounts garbage and debris.                                  | Staff are targeting areas that historically have high accumulations and will be completing all other works on a set rotational schedule. |
| 5  | Extensive snow storage at Ray Twinney Complex.  | Ongoing melting of snow, exposure of garbage and visual optics at the site.   | Regular monitoring, snow consolidation and garbage collection at RJT is taking place.  |
| 6  | Extended winter season and cold temperatures is delaying growing season for turf and cultural field maintenance on sports fields. | Possible delay in sports fields openings and minimal spring cultural field maintenance. Lower field quality for 2014 season.      | Ongoing communications and updates with user groups and field rescheduling where required. Fields will be monitored.                     |
| 7  | Excessive wet areas from the high precipitation/snow amounts this winter and extended cold temperatures.                          | This may result in certain low lying areas within parks not being cut early in the season due to ability to access with machines. | Ongoing communications with customer service and monitoring of areas.  |
| 8  | Delayed repainting and replacement of garbage cans.   | Some garbage cans may appear in poor condition.   | Staff have sourced pre painted garbage cans and will replace in a priority order based on condition.                                     |
| 9  | Delay in the repair and rehabilitation of sports bleachers and picnic tables  | Some bleachers and picnic tables may not be in good condition during the spring season.   | Staff are addressing these on a priority basis and have acquired contract staff to support the rehabilitation.                           |
| 10 | No proactive forestry block pruning of street trees (usually this is a significant part of forestry winter work).                 | Delay in our proactive block pruning process.   | Staff have focused on any hazardous trees within these areas and addressed as required.  |
| 11 | Extended winter season will delay street sweeping program.  | Delayed cleaning of streets and parking lots.   | Contacted services will begin the spring street sweeping program April 28 <sup>th</sup> .  |

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| 12 | Extended winter season will delay street line painting. | Delayed line painting on streets. | Services will be delayed by approximately three weeks later than normal. |
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Staff will be monitoring the impacts and ongoing weather as the spring evolves, and will address challenges as necessary. Residents and Council are encouraged to contact Customer Service with any questions or concerns. Staff will respond as appropriate.

### **BUSINESS PLAN AND STRATEGIC PLAN LINKAGES**

**LIVING WELL:** Provide efficient, effective and environmentally sound maintenance services to an appropriate level that achieves Council and/or Provincially mandated services levels, which meet public health and safety requirements and enhances quality of life while ensuring that system capital assets retain their value and are managed and funded according to sustainable, lifecycle based principles and practices

**WELL RESPECTED:** Ensure regular planned indoor and outdoor facilities, property and equipment maintenance coverage consistent with Council policy and public expectations

### **CONSULTATION**

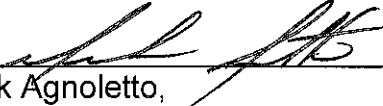
Staff will proactively work with Corporate Communications to provide updates to the public in various forms, such as social media, print and letters to residents. The communication strategy will vary based on the specific item and the relevance of the information being conveyed to the public.

### **BUDGET IMPACT**

Additional costs that can be directly attributed to winter maintenance will be charged to the Winter Reserve fund. All other costs will be absorbed within the Parks & Property Services operational budget.

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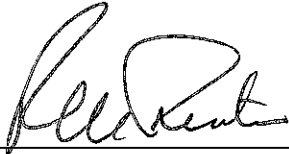
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