

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE SEPTEMBER 7, 2004

SNOW CLEARING AT YORK REGION TRANSIT STOPS

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Engineering and Public Works, in consultation with the Commissioner of Community Services, recommends that:

1. The City provide snow clearing services at the Region of York's transit stops located within the City of Vaughan for this upcoming winter season, ending April 30, 2005; and,
2. The costs for providing this service continue to be charged back to the Region of York.

Purpose

To seek approval to provide snow clearing services at Region of York transit stops for the upcoming winter season.

Background - Analysis and Options

York Region Transit has requested confirmation from the City's Public Works Department that they would maintain the Region's transit stops and shelters in the City of Vaughan. Although the Region has introduced a uniform standard for snow clearing, the Region is still in the process of determining the best means of providing service at transit locations across the Region. At this point, they are not in a position to go to tender for such work, nor do they have the necessary staff and equipment to do this work in-house. As such, it was requested that the City continue to provide snow clearing services at Region transit stops within the City of Vaughan for this upcoming winter season.

Notwithstanding the Region of York has taken over responsibility for providing transit services, the City has continued to clear snow from the Region's transit stops for the past few last winter seasons. This service was provided through a combination of the City's windrow clearing contractors, Public Works and Parks Department staff, as well as other contracted services.

Transit staff have indicated that the Region would cover the full cost of snow clearing at transit locations if the City would provide this service again for this upcoming winter season. This includes the cost for all work performed by contracted forces, as well as work done by City forces.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2007

This report is consistent with the priorities previously set by Council, and although the necessary resources have been allocated and approved for the 2005 portion of the winter season, the costs for such services are fully recoverable from the Region.

Conclusion

The Region has requested confirmation that the City is willing to perform this work for the upcoming winter season. To ensure snow clearing services are provided at transit stops in the City of Vaughan for the upcoming winter season, it is recommended that the City continue to provide snow clearing services at Region of York transit stops for the 2004-2005 winter season, and that all associated costs be charged back to the Region.

Attachments

N/A

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