

# CITY OF HAMILTON

## MOTION

Public Works Committee: March 20, 2023

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR M. SPADAFORA.....**

**SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR M. WILSON.....**

### **Review of Level of Service for Winter Control in Alignment with the Principles of Vision Zero**

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton’s vision is to be the best place to raise a child and to age successfully;

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton has adopted Vision Zero to guide its approach to road safety;

WHEREAS, children and the elderly are the most vulnerable road users, particularly around vehicles;

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton is continuing its commitment to a ten-year transit plan and year-round access to transit stops and bus boarding is necessary to support this strategic investment;

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton’s climate action strategy identifies the importance of reducing transportation disruption due to extreme weather events and improve the safety of travel on roads, sidewalks, and trails;

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton recorded seven ice related events during the 2022-2023 winter season, an increase from one event in the 2021-2022 winter season, impacting the municipality’s snow clearing experience and residents’ safe and equitable mobility;

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton implemented a level of service enhancement for sidewalk snow clearing along priority 1 and 2A roadways where transit operates and for all transit stops to aid residents in accessing transit options City-wide during winter months;

WHEREAS, during the 2022-2023 winter service period, residents in all new service areas have been filing concerns about child safety and challenges in pedestrian mobility due to the piling up of snow and ice from road plows; and

WHEREAS, any changes in service levels to the City of Hamilton's snow clearance contract to support accessibility and Hamilton's commitment to Vision Zero would have to be made in advance of August 31, 2023.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That staff undertake a review of the City of Hamilton's current level of service for winter control and provide options on how operations could be adapted to enhance accessibility and safety in alignment with the principles of Vision Zero, thereby protecting the interests of vulnerable road users;
- (b) That staff report back to the Public Works Committee with the results of the review of the City of Hamilton's current level of service for winter control in advance of August 31, 2023, with possible level of service revisions and best practices including any cost and resourcing implications; and
- (c) That the staff ensure the following areas of focus are included in the review of the City of Hamilton's current level of service for winter control;
  - (i) HSR transit stops including boarding access;
  - (ii) Controlled crosswalks, crosswalks with stationed crossing guards, school crossings, sidewalks with sloped access, neighbourhood pedestrian and multimodal pathways; and
  - (iii) School zones.
- (d) That staff consult with the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities and the Seniors Advisory Committee when reviewing snow clearing needs of the community; and
- (e) That staff report back in full the comments and opinions of the disability and senior's communities including the Committee for Persons with Disabilities and the Seniors Advisory Committee.