

Subject: FW: Notice of Motion re Snowclearing

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> *Motion;*

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> *Report Councillor Crist:*

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> *That the policy of clearing District streets within 24 hours after a heavy
> snowfall to make all such streets, including side streets and cul de sacs,
> accessible for both ambulances and Fire Trucks be reaffirmed and/or that
> such a policy be re-established. And further that*

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> *this also apply to the sanding and/or salting of streets.*

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> *Rationale :*

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> *In past years all District roads including secondary streets, side
> streets and cul de sacs were cleared after heavy snow falls. This was done
> within a 24 hour period. The clearing took place on a priority basis with
> main roads and roads used by buses being the highest priority followed by
> collector roads, side streets and then cul de sacs. The District took
> great pride in this achievement.*

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> *To have all roads, including cul de sacs, cleared within a 24 hour period
> is a reasonable service request considering that many District residents
> would otherwise be isolated and/or access to many homes made difficult if
> not impossible. Such access, needless to say, is especially crucial in
> emergencies.*

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> *Recent statements by District staff appear to have been ambiguous if not
> contradictory and require clarification. What is true for snow clearing
> must also be the case for sanding and salting. Such a policy, though
> unwritten, was in place in the past and somehow appears to have been
> changed.*

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> *One District resident living on a cul de sac, for instance, claimed that
> he was told by staff that the clearing of snow in his particular cul de
> sac could take up to 72 hours and possibly longer. To have to wait up to
> 3 days after a heavy snowfall before being able to leave one's home is
> not reasonable. Safe access to homes is extremely important and an
> appropriate clarification to that effect should be provided. This
> includes a written policy.*

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> *Reaffirmation of this policy is also essential since a change from a 24
> hour snow clearing schedule to a 72 hour schedule would constitute a
> significant decline in the level of service - a policy which was rejected
> during past budget debates and was one of the reasons for tax increases in
> the last few years.*

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