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Subject: Snow removal in Oshawa: a discussion point for council

Hello all

I understand your snow removal crews are doing the best they can with what the equipment they have and the current protocols they need to follow.

After the plows had gone by after the last big snow fall, I had to shovel a wind row which was over 4 feet high and 6 feet wide at its largest point.

I am attaching photos. There is an attachment some cities use, which can prevent these wind rows from ending up in driveways.

My neighbors just turned 90. The husband Bill always clears his and his neighbors' sidewalk on both sides. Another neighbor and I helped clear his wind roll this time. He said the plow driver turned around and put a lot of extra snow in his driveway for some reason.

I worry about Bill and other elderly people who have to shovel this heavy snow.

I would like to suggest some options for discussion:

1/. That Oshawa invest in this extra attachment, which keeps the wind rows from ending up in peoples driveways to the extent it currently does.

2/. If an inordinate amount of this heavy snow ends up in some driveways, the driver could take note of the address and get city crews out to clear those large, heavy snow wind rows.

3/. I see the city sidewalk machines, cleaning certain sidewalks which people have not cleaned themselves. I am not sure how this works.. But it would be a similar policy to clear the extremely large wind rows off of those driveways where the driver realizes they got a large amount of snow.

Thank you for your time.

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Best Regards

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