

Downtown Sidewalk Snow Clearing Pilot Project (Ward 4)

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That the Community Services Committee recommend to City Council one of the two options:

Whereas, as part of the 2021 Budget process, Council approved a pilot project for Sidewalk Snow Clearing in High Pedestrian Traffic Areas within the former Oshawa Central Business Improvement Area of the Downtown (“Pilot Project”) with funding from the Operations Reserve; and,

Whereas the Pilot Project commenced January 1, 2021 in accordance with [CS-20-58](#), dated October 26, 2020, which provides the details of the Pilot Project including the extended service area, level of service, and liability and risk; and,

Whereas on September 27, 2021, Council approved an extension of the pilot into the winter of 2022 to allow staff to better assess costs and to determine service level requirements ([CS-21-91](#)); and,

Whereas Council directed staff to report back to the Community Services Committee on the results of the pilot project; and,

Whereas during Year 1 of the Pilot Program (January 2021 to April 2021) there were 17 winter storm events and during Year 2 there were 29 storm events (November 2021 to April 2022); and,

Whereas the Pilot Program added an additional 12.1 km of sidewalks, previously cleared by the adjacent property owner, to the City’s sidewalk snow clearing program that traditionally would have only required the City to clear 4.8 km of sidewalk adjacent to City property; and,

Whereas staff consulted the Oshawa Accessibility Advisory Committee who did not voice any objection and an overall positive impression of the expanded snow clearing program; and,

Whereas the expanded program benefited property owners and businesses in the downtown and enhanced visitor experience and walkability; and,

Whereas Operations Services Branch is able to manage equipment requirements through current fleet resources, however, there were challenges from a staffing perspective to undertake the increased level of service while also meeting the Provincial Minimum Maintenance Standards Regulation 239/02 and Council approved Quality Standard; and,

Whereas, if the desire is to continue to clear all sidewalks, identified in Attachment 1, permanently, additional temporary labourers will be required during the winter months at an annual cost of \$60,000 to offset the increased labour needs of the expanded program and \$11,000 in additional salt cost;

Therefore be it resolved:

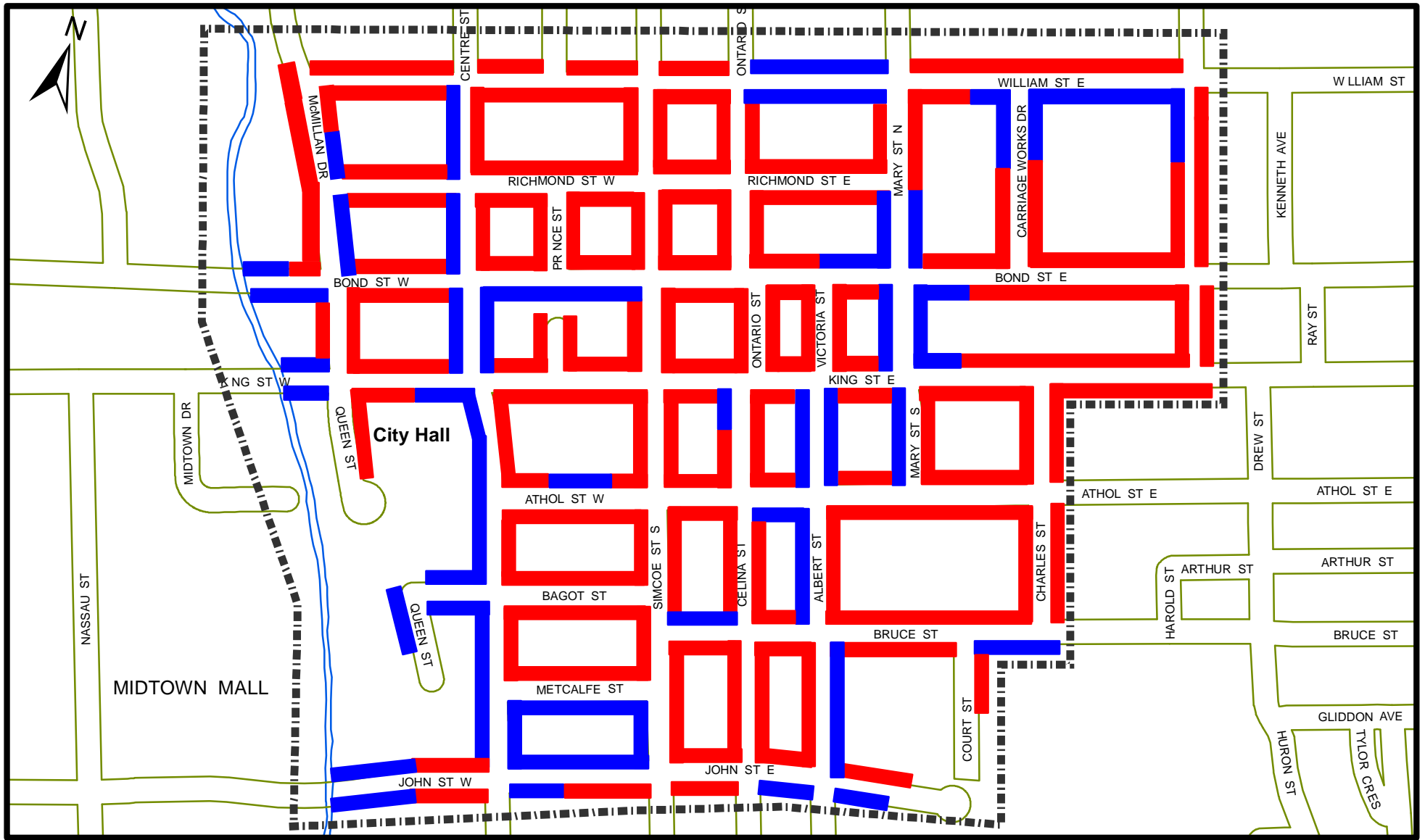
Option 1:

1. That pursuant to CS-22-63 dated June 8, 2022, the Sidewalk Snow Clearing in High Pedestrian Traffic Area of the Downtown Pilot Program, as identified in Attachment 1, be made permanent; and,
2. That \$60,000 be added to the annual operating budget for temporary staff and \$11,000 in additional salt cost necessary to support the sidewalk snow clearing program.

OR

Option 2:

That pursuant to CS-22-63 dated June 8, 2022, the Sidewalk Snow Clearing in High Pedestrian Traffic Areas of the Downtown Pilot Program not be made permanent and that businesses/property owners in the pilot area be notified.



CURRENT WINTER SIDEWALK MAINTENANCE  
(4.8km)



PROPOSED ADDITIONAL WINTER SIDEWALK MAINTENANCE  
(12.1km)



TOTAL WINTER SIDEWALK MAINTENANCE  
(16.9km)



Former B.I.A. LIMITS

CS-22-63 Attachment 1



## Downtown Winter Sidewalk Maintenance Program