



The Corporation of the Town of LaSalle

Date	March 6, 2018	Report No:	PW-12-18
Directed To:	Mayor and Members of Council	Attachments:	~ Van Gaalen request ~ Tedesco request ~ PW-45-17
Department:	Public Works	Policy References:	
Prepared By:	Peter Marra, P.Eng. – Director of Public Works		
Subject:	Sidewalk Snow Clearing Requests		

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council receive this report and refer expanding sidewalk snow clearing to the 2019 budget session.

REPORT:

Over the last few months, the Town has received two formal requests to expand the sidewalk snow clearing service (copies enclosed). The Town has also been in receipt of multiple other verbal requests to expand the service.

As part of the 2018 budget, administration presented the current plan and established the level of service for sidewalk snow clearing and received approval from Council (copy of budget report enclosed). The Town only clears snow on selected sidewalks throughout the Town. The public works department has been strictly adhering to this planned approach and only completing what is approved to stay within approved budget and continue with the expected level of service.

Given there are a number of requests to expand the service, administration is recommending that an expanded sidewalk snow clearing plan be referred to the 2019 budget. Any planned changes at this point will have an effect on resources and/or level of service.



It is recommended that Council receive this report and refer expanding sidewalk snow clearing to the 2019 budget session.

It should be noted that one of the formal submissions refers to grass cutting along a sidewalk connection. This has been addressed and forms part of our overall grass cutting program.

Respectfully submitted,



Peter Marra, P.Eng.
Director of Public Works

Reviewed by:							
CAO	Treasury	Clerks	Public Works	Planning	Cult. & Rec.	Building	Fire
							

Peter Marra

From: Brenda Andreatta
Sent: January-29-18 10:50 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Peter Marra
Subject: RE: Front Road Snow Covered Sidewalk

Good morning Mr. van Gaalen,
Your email is being forwarded to the Public Works Department for comment.

Brenda Andreatta
Director Council Services/Clerk
Town of LaSalle

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: January-29-18 9:41 AM
To: Brenda Andreatta <bandreatta@lasalle.ca>
Subject: Front Road Snow Covered Sidewalk

Good morning. I was in contact with councillor Crystal Meloche concerning snow removal on the sidewalk on Front Road between Martin Lane and Gary Ave. She said I should contact you so that a report can be done to get the matter looked at by the council.

I live on Jewel Street in Victory Estates. I have noticed over the past years that the sidewalk is mostly not kept clear of snow from Martin Lane to Gary Street. I have seen many kids struggle walking along it in the winter months.

The Victory Estates has grown with more kids using the sidewalk. Front Road is a very busy road including traffic from transports. The sidewalk is narrow and unlike other sidewalks is so close to the road. When I walk my dog along it I have to keep him a very short leash. It can get scary at times. My kids use the sidewalk for their bikes as the road is just too dangerous. They don't use it in the winter so either they are stuck at home or need a ride. Going around to Matchette is just way too long of a detour.

So with winter back even this morning I noticed most of the sidewalk not cleared. There are a bunch empty properties where snow is never cleared away and not all clean the sidewalk. Snowplows just pile the snow on the sidewalk owing again to the closeness to the road. Can the town not clear the sidewalk as they do for other sidewalks?

The best solution would be to make a wider sidewalk another few feet from the roadway. I know Victory Estates will be growing by at least 25% in the coming years as farm land has been recently purchased for this.

I would hate to see any person get by a vehicle along this stretch or fall and hurt themselves. Kids and adults do use the sidewalk.

Also Mark Beggs said it is not in their snow removal plan so I went to the councillor.

Thank you,
Ted van Gaalen
[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: Joe Tedesco

Sent: February-19-18 1:55 PM

To: Brenda Andreatta <bandreatta@lasalle.ca>

Subject: Council Request

Good afternoon Brenda,

I would like to submit a proposal to Lasalle Town Council in regard to having a pathway on land owned by the Town of Lasalle that is located at the end Lansdowne ave. be put on a regular grass cutting list and snow removal list.

This pathway connects Lansdowne ave. to Malden rd.

I was informed in the spring of 2017 that this land was not on a grass cutting list. In further consultations with a town officials it was advised that it would be cut periodically and it was cut periodically this past summer.

This past week, after the significant snowfall, it was not ploughed. At other times this past winter it has been icy but I didn't think much of it. After the last snowfall event, I advised the town thinking maybe it was inadvertently missed by mistake as it was a very large snowfall. I was informed that it is not on any list where public works would need to plough it or de-ice. I was advised that council would need to inform or "allow" public works to maintain thus property in the summer and winter on a regular basis. This is my request to council.

In regard to the grass cutting, I am hoping to change this and would like to request that this parcel be cut and maintained on a regular basis if possible. This parcel is used frequently by the neighbourhood. Lansdowne Ave is now full in terms of houses built. Sandwich West Public and Villanova have bus stops here. My particular concern is for my kindergarten children who walk thru here daily and wait for the bus. The sidewalk is of normal width and the grass is over 2 feet high at times. With deer present and the growing concern in the media for deer ticks and Lyme disease, my worry is having kids walk through near the tall grasses. It's recommended that people using trails walk in the middle to avoid tall natural grasses but here this is not possible as the sidewalk is not as wide as the trail system.

Also, a Transit Windsor main bus stop is located here. Tall grasses could present safety issues at night and snow and ice present their own safety issues. Beyond safety reasons I think this would look better for our town if this parcel is maintained. This parcel is also located very near the Malden Town Centre.

In summary, the pathway is used a lot now because of the full neighbourhood and the variety of the new bus stops located here. In the past few years it may not have been prudent financially to maintain this parcel of land but now I believe the foot traffic here necessitates a change.

In closing, i would like to thank you for your time. Unfortunately I cannot attend a council meeting as I coach Tyke hockey at the Vollmer Centre on Tuesday nights but if you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me.

Joe Tedesco



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The Corporation of the Town of LaSalle

Date	December 5, 2017	Report No:	PW-45-17 (2018 Budget Deliberations)
Directed To:	Mayor and Members of Council	Attachments:	~Figure 1 – Revised Priority Map
Department:	Public Works	Policy References:	
Prepared By:	Mark Beggs – Manager of Roads and Parks		
Subject:	Re-prioritization of sidewalk snow removal due to addition of bus stops		

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council approve the recommendation to re-prioritize snow removal on sidewalks and parking lots due to the addition of bus stops as below:

- Priority 1A – Police/Fire and Public Works Parking areas (cleared 24hrs/day)
- Priority 1B - Municipal Civic Centre, Vollmer Centre, Riverdance and Boismier Parking lots (cleared during business hours)
- Priority 2 – School crossing guard locations
- Priority 3 – Bus route sidewalks, pathways, pads and shelters, and Town Commercial areas. (Malden, Front and Windsor Crossing)
- Priority 4 – Town asphalt trails and select concrete sidewalks (adjacent to roads)
- Priority 5 – Town wide asphalt trails (off-road)

REPORT:

This report has been prepared in response to a Council question from the August 8, 2017 Council meeting.

Since Council's approval of report PW-21-14 in December of 2014, Public Works has been doing winter maintenance of sidewalks, trails and parking areas in order of the following priorities:

Current Priority List

- Priority 1A – Police/Fire and Public Works Parking areas (cleared 24hrs/day)

- Priority 1B - Municipal Civic Centre, Vollmer Centre, Riverdance and Boismier Parking lots (cleared during business hours)
- Priority 2 – School crossing guard locations
- Priority 3 - Town commercial areas (Malden Rd, Front Rd, Windsor Crossing)
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Notes:

**Priorities 3, 4 and 5 are:*

- *completed on regular time*
- *completed when snow accumulation exceeds 2"*
- *completed in approximately 5 business days after a snowfall even subsides*

*** Should a new snowfall event occur, the priorities reset regardless of what stage has been reached.*

It should be noted that since the implementation of the above priority list in 2015, we have encountered relatively light winters. As a result, we have not had the opportunity to properly evaluate the effectiveness of the plan.

In 2017, the Transit route was added along with the appropriate bus stops and future bus shelters. As part of the transit program, Public Works will be required to do winter maintenance of the bus stop pads and future shelters.

In the Town's current priority list, the Town's commercial areas are listed as *priority 3*. The new priority list includes adding the sidewalks and bus stop pads along the transit route to *priority 3*. This will significantly increase the size and time to clean *priority 3* sidewalks and pathways, however; operationally this will allow the crews to clear the commercial areas as well as the bus route sidewalks efficiently in a loop.

New Priority List

- Priority 1A – Police/Fire and Public Works Parking areas (cleared 24hrs/day)
- Priority 1B - Municipal Civic Centre, Vollmer Centre, Riverdance and Boismier Parking lots (cleared during business hours)
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The above changes will not require any additional budget money as they will be completed on regular time, during working days only. There will continue to be no snow removal, for sidewalks,




on weekends and holidays. The goal will be to complete all priorities within five business days as before.

It is recommended that council approve the new priority list for sidewalk, trail, bus stop and parking lot winter maintenance as outlined above.

Respectfully submitted,



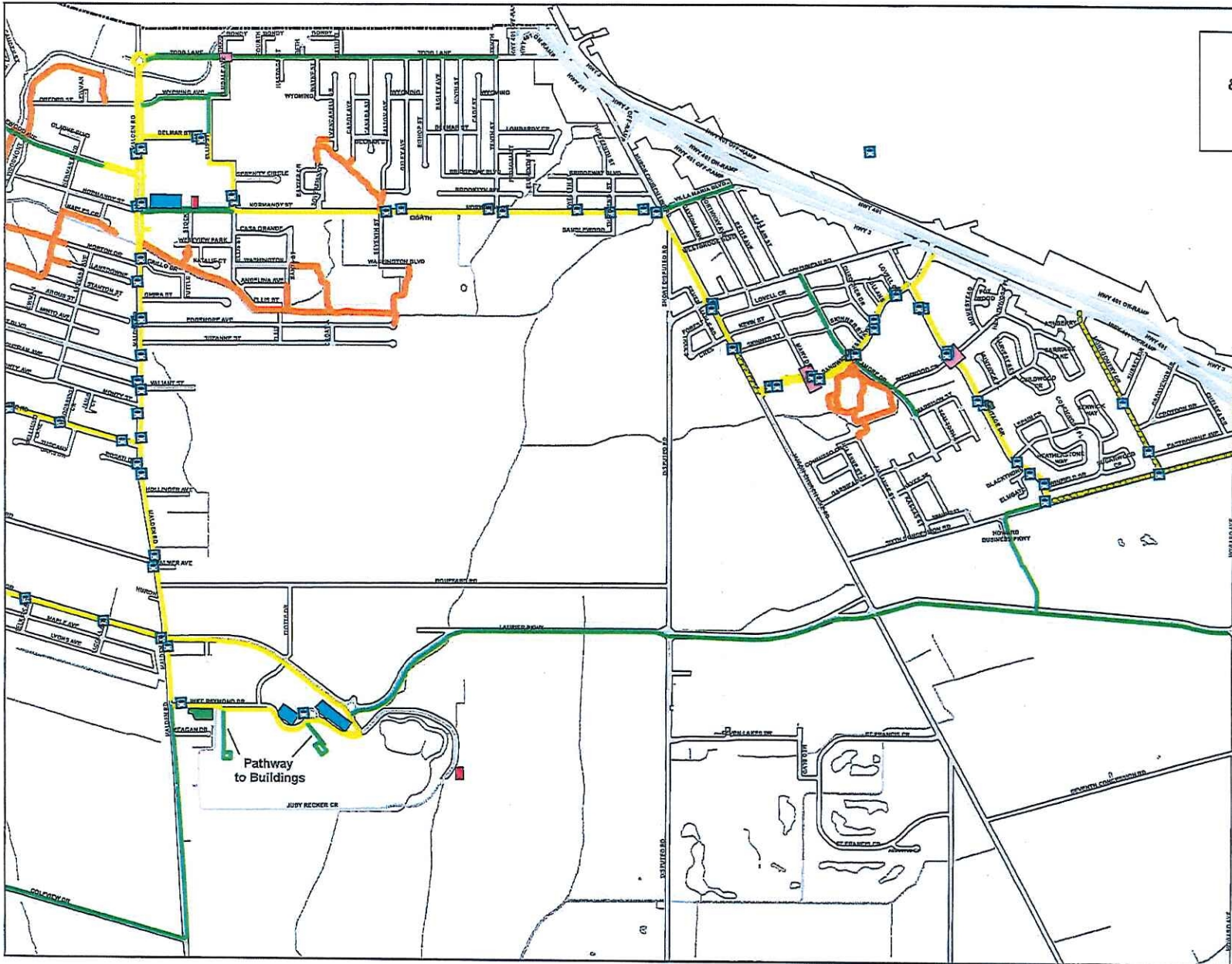
Mark Beggs
Manager of Roads and Parks

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**EAST OF MALDEN
PARKING LOT, PATHWAY
& SIDEWALK SNOW REMOVAL**



- Priority 1A
- Priority 1B/C
- Priority 2
- Priority 3
- Bus Stops Only
(No Sidewalk)
- Priority 4
- Priority 5
- Bus Stop



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- █ Priority 1B/C
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**WEST OF MALDEN
PARKING LOT, PATHWAY
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