



May 7, 2008

MEMORANDUM

To: Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker, Chair, Public Works and Infrastructure Committee
Members of the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee
Committee Secretary, Ros Dyers

Re: **PW 15.5 - Snow Ploughing in Laneways**

On the PWI agenda of May 7, 2008, I am requesting that the committee consider the following additional Staff Report in relation to item PW15.5.

Background

As a result of the City's new DIPS Policy we are now requiring that some new developments be built incorporating public roads and laneways. The result of this however is that residents with access on public laneways are getting a lower level of operational services from the City than they believe to be reasonable. Residents counter that if the laneways were private, than they understand that they are responsible for provision of snow ploughing services and they contract for them directly.

This past winter a new townhouse development in Ward 5 at Islington and The Queensway (Market Garden Mews) was completely snowed in for weeks at a time. On-street parking was not an option as there is no possibility of parking at the intersection of these two major arterials.

Clearly a one-size fits all policy does not necessarily work. Additionally as these new developments are being in accordance with City policy these issues should be foreseen prior to approval.

I request that the committee adopt the following Report request:

1. That Staff report back to Public Works and Infrastructure Committee, specifically on Market Garden Mews, Etobicoke and generally on public lanes in new developments, regarding the possible changes to the policy and practice of ploughing snow in public laneways.

Respectfully submitted,

Getting things done for Etobicoke-Lakeshore

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