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Sidewalk Snow Clearing in Residential Areas: Request for Briefing Note

Dear Chair and Members

Walking along a residential street in the Old City of Toronto after a snowfall can be an uneven experience. Most residents are very diligent about ensuring that they clear their sidewalks and often help out neighbours with their shoveling. However those sidewalks that are not cleared can present a hazard to everyone, and are a particular issue for seniors, people with mobility or other accessibility issues, and parents with strollers. This winter, in Toronto and East York, there have been 630 complaints regarding snow not being cleared by residents and only 3-5 officers designated to enforce the by-law.

Sidewalks on residential streets are cleared by Transportation Services in many other parts of the City and in East York. However this level of service is not standard across the entire city. I am interested in understanding the different levels of service across the four community councils and I am requesting a briefing note that addresses the following questions:

1. The current cost for sidewalk snow clearing on residential streets, broken down by Community Council area?
2. The cost for the current Senior Snow Clearing Program?
3. The cost to harmonize the levels of sidewalk plowing on residential streets across the entire city?

Respectfully,

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