



## CITY COUNCIL REFERRAL OF MEMBER MOTION

### Improving the City's Response to Future Extreme Weather Events

**Date:** April 30, 2018  
**To:** Public Works and Infrastructure Committee  
**From:** City Council  
**Wards:** All

#### **CITY COUNCIL DECISION**

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City Council on April 24, 25, 26 and 27, 2018, referred Motion MM39.15 to the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee.

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

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Councillor Jaye Robinson, seconded by Mayor John Tory, recommends that:

1. City Council request the General Manager, Transportation Services to report back to the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee on the response to April 2018's extreme winter weather emergency, lessons learned and recommendations to improve the City's response to extreme weather events in the future.

#### **SUMMARY**

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On April 14, 15 and 16, 2018, the City of Toronto experienced an extreme weather event with strong winds, ice pellets, snow, freezing rain and flooding rain. Residents across the City expressed their frustration and concerns with the City's response to this unseasonal ice storm.

Transportation Services is responsible for managing and implementing the clean-up efforts following storms and other weather events. Due to the time of year, there are fewer snow clearing resources available than at the height of the winter season. While Transportation Services staff were able to retroactively mobilize additional clearing machines, the City must be prepared to respond to all weather events.

For this reason, this Motion requests that the General Manager of Transportation Services report on lessons learned and recommendations to improve the City's response to extreme weather events in the future.

This Motion is urgent to ensure that staff have adequate time to prepare well in advance of next year's winter season.