



John Tory
Mayor

January 26, 2022

Re: Major Snow Event Post-Operational Report

Dear Executive Committee members,

On January 17 one of the largest snowstorms in decades hit the city of Toronto. A total of 55 cm of snow fell in 15 hours. Major expressways - the Don Valley Parkway and Gardiner Expressway - were closed and many local streets and sidewalks were rendered impassible. Since that time, City crews have undertaken the largest snow removal operation in the City's history and have been working to remove the snow from curb lanes, sidewalks, bike lanes, and pathways. Enormous efforts have been made with more than 30,000 tonnes of snow removed already and there is still more work to do.

As with any major event, a post-operational report is a worthwhile endeavour. I am asking that we examine how City Divisions reacted to this challenge and discover whatever lessons can be learned to ensure that in future we can continue to react quickly and efficiently as possible.

Recommendation:

That the Executive Committee direct the General Manager of Transportation to present to the March meeting of the Infrastructure and Environment Committee a post-operational report on the January 2022 major snow event.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John Tory".

John Tory
Mayor of Toronto