



Toronto Accessibility Advisory Committee

Meeting No.	19	Contact	Jennifer Lin, Committee Secretary
Meeting Date	Tuesday, February 22, 2022	Phone	416-338-5089
Start Time	9:30 AM	E-mail	taac@toronto.ca
Location	Video Conference	Chair	Councillor Kristyn Wong-Tam

DI19.3	Presentation	Amended		Ward: All
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January 2022 Major Snow Event Post-Operational Consultation for Accessibility Feedback

Committee Decision

The Toronto Accessibility Advisory Committee recommends that:

1. City Council direct the General Manager, Transportation Services to:
 - a. recognize and quickly respond to Urgent Service Requests made by people living with disabilities or seniors, even during "black-out" periods;
 - b. create a proactive accessibility service standard by incorporating an intersectional gender equity lens similar to Sweden's "Gender Equal Plowing Strategy";
 - c. prohibit City snowplows from storing snow and ice on sidewalks and bike lanes that create additional accessibility barriers;
 - d. develop a public education campaign to inform property owners, business operators, residents, landlords and tenants about the City's winter maintenance strategy and to clarify the division of responsibility for snow and ice clearing and removal; and
 - e. report through the 2023 Budget process on the funding required to ensure that the City can meet its revised levels of service including for winter storms with over 35 cm and over 50 cm of snow.

2. City Council forward Council's decision on the report from Transportation Services on January 2022's major snowfall and winter maintenance operational response to the Toronto Accessibility Advisory Committee for information.

Decision Advice and Other Information

The Director, Operations and Maintenance, Transportation Services gave a presentation on Major Snow Event Post-Operational Report.

Summary

At its meeting on February 22, 2022, the Toronto Accessibility Committee considered Item [DI19.3](#) and made recommendations to City Council.

Background Information

Presentation from the Director, Operations and Maintenance and the Senior Manager, Winter Operations and Emergency Services on Major Snow Event Post-Operational Report (<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2022/di/bgrd/backgroundfile-222123.pdf>)

Speakers

Maria Brum