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Options for winter access to laneway homes and garages

SUMMARY:

As part of the city’s strategy to expand missing middle housing, the city has been actively encouraging laneway homes. However, the city does not currently provide any snow clearing from laneways. Increasingly, this means that residents of laneway homes have great difficulty accessing their homes following heavy snowfalls, such as those we have experienced in the last two winters.

In many downtown neighbourhoods, laneways also provide residents with their only access to parking.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Infrastructure and Environment Committee direct the General Manager of Transportation Services, to include, in his next winter services report, options and associated costs to provide improved winter access for pedestrians, cyclists, and/ or motor vehicles to laneway homes and/or garages.

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