



Motion to IEC

Monday, July 6, 2026

Pedestrian access to Laneway Houses in Ward 11 during snow events

Summary

A number of families have accepted the city's encouragement to build laneway homes in Ward 11, whose only road access is via a public lane. However, the city does not provide snow clearing services to such lanes, creating serious access issues for their residents during severe winter weather.

In [2026.IE29.1](#), City staff declined to recommend snow removal for the 2,744 public laneways in the City of Toronto, but did not provide any alternative solution for even pedestrian access to the comparatively small number of laneway houses. This motion is focussed on a small number of laneway houses whose residents had serious access issues during winter weather in 2025 and 2026.

Recommendations

It is recommended that:

1. Infrastructure and Environment Committee request the General Manager, Transportation, Services to report back to Infrastructure and Environment Committee at its first 2027 meeting with recommendations on snow clearing sufficient to permit pedestrian access to lawfully constructed laneway homes in Ward 11, starting with:
 - a. Shaftesbury Court, and
 - b. Croft Street.

Councillor Dianne Saxe

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