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Item No. 11.5.1

Request for Council's Consideration		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Included on Agenda (Submitted to Municipal Clerk's Office by Noon Thursday)	<input type="checkbox"/> Added Item (Submitted to Municipal Clerk's Office by Noon Monday)	<input type="checkbox"/> Request from the Floor
Date of Council Meeting: Tuesday, February 24, 2015		
Subject: Winter Works		
Motion for Council to Consider: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. That a staff report be prepared to consider evaluating the best practises for management of our streets during icing conditions when salt does not work.2. The report shall include options for on street parking such as longer enforcement of the winter parking ban and/or alternate side of the street parking during the winter.		
Background: <p>Although our processes have improved and we apply brine as a precaution, this preventative measure does not work in very cold temperatures. Other cities augment traditional rock salt application with by products such as calcium chloride, calcium magnesium acetate, and organic compounds such as beet juice, cheese brine, pickle brine, and sugar cane molasses. These products also serve as a gooey substance to which salt sticks and minimizes the likelihood of runoff to watercourses. In addition, the report should include considerations of combining other abrasives with sand.</p> <p>Due to the fact that vehicles parked on streets are impeding winter operations, the report should also include information on the options of removing on street parking to ensure appropriate room for snow and ice removal, such as alternate side of the street parking and/or longer times to enforce the winter parking ban when multiple storms are occurring in a short period of time.</p>		
Reason: <p>We have had rapidly changing weather events recently and it is taking several days to clear streets, bus stops, intersections and sidewalks. The extremely cold temperatures and icing conditions are making it very treacherous to walk and drive.</p>		
Outcome Sought: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Options to alleviate icing conditions on our streets, sidewalks, intersections and bus stops.2. On-street parking options to ensure equipment can clear and push back snow and ice from the streets.		
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