

CITY OF VAUGHAN

EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 19, 2018

Item 5, Report No. 6, of the Finance, Administration and Audit Committee, which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on June 19, 2018.

5 REVIEW OF CITY OF VAUGHAN RESPONSE TO APRIL 14-15, 2018 ICE STORM

The Finance, Administration and Audit Committee recommends:

- 1) That the recommendation contained in the following report of the Deputy City Manager, Public Works, dated June 6, 2018, be approved;**
- 2) That the presentation and Communication C8, presentation material entitled, *“Review of City of Vaughan Response to April 14-15, 2018 Ice Storm”*, be received; and**
- 3) That the following be approved in accordance with Communication C1, memorandum from the Deputy City Manager, Public Works, dated June 6, 2018:**
 - 1. That Council receive this report for information.**

Recommendations

- 1. That Council receive this report for information.**

Item:



Finance, Administration and Audit Committee Report

DATE: Wednesday, June 06, 2018

WARD(S): ALL

TITLE: Review of City of Vaughan Response to April 14-15, 2018 Ice Storm

FROM:

Stephen Collins, Deputy City Manager, Public Works

ACTION: FOR INFORMATION

Purpose

To provide Council a review of the City's response to the ice storm event that took place April 14-15, 2018, and to identify opportunities to improve our extreme weather response protocols, for consideration in the 2019 budget process.

Recommendations

1. That Council receive this report for information.

Report Highlights

- Council passed a resolution at their May 23, 2018, meeting directing staff to provide a review of the City's response to the ice storm event that took place April 14-15, 2018.
- The ice storm review will be provided via a Communication referencing this report.

Background

The City of Vaughan and other GTA municipalities received an ice storm on the weekend of April 14-15, 2018, beyond the City's customary winter season. Based on the weather forecast, staff responded with multiple applications of salt and the implementation of the Heavy Rain Event Protocol. With significant rain and warming

temperatures in the forecast, the City chose not to plow, in order to avoid flooding, which could result from blocked catch basins. Throughout the storm, communications efforts were undertaken to inform the public about the City's ongoing response efforts.

The actual conditions during April 14 and 15 were different from the forecast, and as the storm subsided on April 16 there was a significant buildup of ice and snow on City roads and sidewalks making driving and walking conditions challenging. Staff continued to assess the conditions and monitor road and sidewalk conditions during and following the ice storm and made the decision to begin plowing on April 17.

A review of the City's planning, decision-making, execution and communications processes in response to this ice storm will be provided in a Communication referencing this report.

Previous Reports/Authority

Council, at their meeting on May 23, 2018, adopted a Member's Resolution directing staff provide Council with a review of the City's response to the ice storm event that took place April 14-15, 2018.

Analysis and Options

Options to improve the City's mitigation of severe weather events will be discussed in a Communication referencing the current report.

Financial Impact

This report does not have direct financial impacts, nor will the upcoming Communication. The Communication will identify opportunities to improve the City's response to future extreme weather events. Those improvement opportunities will be further developed as part of the 2019 budget process and presented to Council for their consideration.

Broader Regional Impacts/Considerations

Regional impacts and considerations will be discussed in the upcoming Communication.

Conclusion

Conclusions will be provided in the upcoming Communication.

For more information on winter salting and plowing operations, please contact:
Zoran Postic, Director of Transportation Services, Parks and Forestry Operations, ext. 6137

For more information on the Heavy Rain Event Protocol, please contact: Jennifer Rose, Director of Environmental Services, ext. 6116

For more information on the corporate communications protocols, please contact: Michael Genova, Director of Corporate and Strategic Communications, ext. 8027

Attachments

N/A

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