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Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable) Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools
Subject Snow Removal in School Zones
Meeting (if known)
Comments
Please see attached letter representing the perspective of both Greater Saskatoon Public Schools and Saskatoon Public Schools on the proposed enhancements to snow removal in school zones.
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Will you be submitting a video to be vetted prior to council meeting? No



August 26, 2022

To His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

On behalf of the Boards of Education and the administrations of Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools and Saskatoon Public Schools, we write to you in support of the proposed pilot project outlined in the Administrative Report School Zone Snow Removal Enhancements presented at the August 8, 2022, meeting of the Standing Policy Committee on Transportation.

Over the years, there have been significant improvements to snow removal in school zones. From our perspective, the proposed enhancements will better serve members of school communities in several ways.

As the August 8 report stated, increased traffic volumes in school zones, the proximity and size of schools in some neighbourhoods, and narrow adjacent streets can have an adverse effect on traffic flow. We believe the removal of windrows in a larger area around school zones would improve traffic flow in school zones, particularly around peak times at the start and end of school.

The updates to and sharing of snow removal maps and operating procedures will be an important step in enhancing communication and broadening opportunities for operational efficiencies of both organizations. As stewards of public funds ourselves, we understand and appreciate how important these steps are in providing sustainable services and seeking continuous improvement.

An important feature of this enhanced service—one that is perhaps under-appreciated because it is difficult to measure—is improved student safety. Aforementioned factors from the August 8 report, along with other factors that affect safety—such as lower visibility because of hoods/headwear and scarves, and lingering exhaust from the increased volume of traffic of school zones—have a negative impact on student safety. We believe eliminating the need to traverse over slippery windrows in a larger area around school zones would counter these factors and improve overall student safety.

Thank you for your consideration of this important proposal. We welcome the opportunity to work with administration in implementing these enhancements and in continuously improving the process.

Sincerely,
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