



Notice of Motion

Amend Seniors and Persons with Disabilities Snow Clearing Program

Date: January 26, 2026

Moved By: Councillor Brenner

Signature:

Seconded By: Councillor Butt

Signature:

WHEREAS, the City of Pickering offers senior citizens and people with a permanent physical or cognitive disability a snow clearing service in order to assist them with their sidewalk snow clearing responsibilities, and access to their homes;

And Whereas, the current dispatch threshold of 5 cm does not always align with the day-to-day safety needs of seniors and/or persons with disabilities particularly during periods of light, repeated snowfall, drifting, and freeze-thaw conditions that create icy, slippery surfaces even when total accumulation is below 5 cm;

And Whereas seniors and persons with disabilities are most at-risk during “small” events that quickly pack down and turn to ice;

And Whereas, more frequent servicing of the property reduces slip-and-fall risk, and improves accessibility, better mobility and independence;

And Whereas, consistent clearing supports residents getting to medical appointments, pharmacies, transit, and essential errands;

And Whereas, the current and historical service volumes of 450 homes are below the targeted 750 homes that the program can accommodate;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Council of The Corporation of the City of Pickering directs through the Office of the Chief Administrative Officer:

1. That the Seniors and Persons with Disabilities Snow Clearing program lower the current program trigger threshold from 5 cm to 3 cm, and adopt a 3 cm to 5 cm discretionary trigger to enable staff to dispatch service more frequently when conditions warrant it.