

# Active Transportation Maintenance Plan

## Background:

As of May 3, 2018, substantive changes to the Minimum Maintenance Standards for Municipal Highways, O. Reg. 239/02 came into force and effect. The most notable changes impacting the maintenance of active transportation facilities are:

1. The introduction of winter maintenance standards, including patrol obligations, for sidewalks;
2. The introduction of winter maintenance standards for bicycle lanes;
3. The ability for municipalities to declare a "significant weather event" with implications for winter maintenance on roadways, bicycle lanes and sidewalks during the duration of the event

On August 12, 2019, by resolution (OP2019-14) the Operations Committee passed the "Active Transportation Winter Maintenance Policy" which was subsequently ratified by Council on August 13, 2019. The report recommended the following:

1. Designated cycling facilities be closed by Bylaw seasonally during the winter months;
2. Any changes to the existing sidewalk winter maintenance routes be consistent with the criteria established in Table 2 of the Active Transportation Winter Maintenance Policy;
3. Winter maintenance sidewalk and off-road trails be annually approved, through Operations Committee, subject to the annual budget process. The complete report to Operations Committee can be viewed at the following link:  
<http://agendasonline.greatersudbury.ca/index.cfm?pg=agenda&action=navigator&lang=en&id=1344&itemid=17288>

## Recommendation:

This report seeks to fulfill the requirements of the Active Transportation Policy by returning to Operations Committee to approve minor changes to the winter maintained portion of the Active Transportation Network for the upcoming winter season (October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020 to April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021). Table 1 summarizes the said changes. It also lists the off-road trails that are officially being included as part of the winter maintained portion of the Active Transportation Network.

Table 1 – Active Transportation Winter Maintenance Changes for the 2020 / 2021 Winter Season

<b>Sidewalks</b>			
<b>Additions to Winter Maintenance in 2020 / 2021</b>	<b>Location of Route</b>	<b>Bus Stops on Route</b>	<b>Reason for Change</b>
1. Léger Crescent, from Jeanne D'Arc Street (north) to Jeanne D'Arc Street (south)	Val Therese	None	Meets Criteria #7 of the Active Transportation Winter Maintenance Approach. Forms a connected route.
2. O'Donaghue Drive (south side), from Margaret Street North to Orell Street	Garson	None	Meets Criteria #1 of the Active Transportation Winter Maintenance Approach. Maintain both sides of a connected sidewalk on a collector road.
3. MR 80 (south side), from Glenn Street to Notre Dame Avenue (new construction)	Hanmer	Yes	Meets Criteria #1 of the Active Transportation Winter Maintenance Approach. Maintain both sides of a connected sidewalk on an arterial road.
4. Auger Street (west side), from Hawthorne Drive to Falconbridge Hwy (new construction)	Sudbury	Yes, (to Hawthorne only)	Meets Criteria #1 of the Active Transportation Winter Maintenance Approach. Maintain both sides of a connected sidewalk on a collector road.
5. Notre Dame Avenue (east side), from Louis Street to Leslie Street (new construction)	Sudbury	Yes	Meets Criteria #1 of the Active Transportation Winter Maintenance Approach. Maintain both sides of a connected sidewalk on an arterial road.
6. Beatty Street (east side), from Poplar Street to Kathleen Street (new construction)	Sudbury	Yes, (partial from McNeill Blvd to Kathleen Street)	Meets Criteria #1 of the Active Transportation Winter Maintenance Approach. Maintain both sides of a connected sidewalk on a collector road.
<b>Sidewalks</b>			
<b>Deletions to Winter Maintenance in 2020 / 2021</b>	<b>Location of Route</b>	<b>Bus Stops on Route</b>	<b>Reason for Change</b>
No deletions for the Winter Maintenance season 2020 / 2021.			
<b>Cycling Facilities</b>			
All 21 Km's of the designated cycling facilities will not be maintained from October 31 <sup>st</sup> to April 30 <sup>th</sup>			
<b>Off-road Trails</b>			
<b>Continue Winter Maintenance in 2020 / 2021</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Comments</b>	
1. Jim Gordon Boardwalk by Ramsey Lake	Sudbury	No change from past years	
2. Ramsey Lake Road trail	Sudbury	No change from past years	
3. Delki Dozzi path, off Glover Avenue	Sudbury	No change from past years	

Schedule 1 provides a complete list of sidewalks that will be maintained during the upcoming winter season (October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020 to April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021).

### **Next Steps:**

If approved, staff will conduct the following:

1. Finalize a bylaw that will temporarily close all unmaintained portions of the Active Transportation network during the winter months (October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020 to April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021).
2. To ensure the public is made aware of any approved changes to the winter maintenance of active transportation facilities, staff will work with Communications and Community Engagement staff to ensure all relevant information, including lists of closed sidewalks and cycling facilities, will be posted to the City's website, be communicated by Public Service Announcement each year as well as sending letters to the impacted residents (abutting the infrastructure) who will be impacted by the changes to the active transportation winter maintenance plan.