

Active Transportation Winter Maintenance Plan 2024

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Report Summary

This report provides a recommendation regarding the plan for winter maintenance services for the active transportation network (sidewalks, bicycle paths and off-road recreational trails) for the upcoming winter season (November 1, 2024, to April 30, 2025).

Resolution

THAT the City of Greater Sudbury approves the winter maintenance plan for the active transportation network as outlined in the report entitled “Active Transportation Winter Maintenance Plan 2024”, from the General Manager of Growth and Infrastructure, presented at the Operations Committee meeting of September 9, 2024.

Relationship to the Strategic Plan, Health Impact Assessment and Climate Action Plans

This report refers to operational matters and has no direct connection to the Community Energy & Emissions Plan.

Financial Implications

There are no Financial Implications associated with this report.

Background

On August 12, 2019, by resolution (OP2019-14) the Operation 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 By-law 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 of sidewalk and off-road trails be annually approved, through Operations Committee, subject to the annual budget process.

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 (November 1, 2024, to April 30, 2025). Table 1 summarizes the said changes and a map of the same is included in the appendices. It also lists the off-road trails that are officially included as part of the winter-maintained portion of the Active Transportation Network. It should be noted that asphalt boulevards are not considered to be part of the Active Transportation Network and will not be maintained as such.

Table 1 – Active Transportation Winter Maintenance Changes for the 2024 / 2025 Winter

Sidewalks			
Additions to Winter Maintenance in 2024 / 2025:	Location of Route	Bus Stops on Route	Reason for Change
1. David Street (south side), Paris Street to Marion Street	Sudbury	None	Meets Criteria #3 and #7 of the Active Transportation Winter Maintenance Policy - Local Road that forms a connected route.
2. Marion Street (west side), David Street to Wembley Drive	Sudbury	None	Meets Criteria #3 and #7 of the Active Transportation Winter Maintenance Policy - Local Road that forms a connected route with a pedestrian cut-through.
3. Lamothe Street (south side), Paquette Street to 50m westerly	Sudbury	None	Meets Criteria #5 and #7 of the Active Transportation Winter Maintenance Policy. Local Road that forms a connected route and leads to a school.
4. Elm Street (south side), Edward Avenue N to Westend of Street	Coniston	None	Meets Criteria #5 and #7 of the Active Transportation Winter Maintenance Policy - Local Road that forms a connected route and leads to 'not for profit seniors housing'.
5. Sixth Avenue (west side), Main Street to Ash Street	Lively	None	Meets Criteria #1 and #7 of the Active Transportation Winter Maintenance Policy - Collector Road that forms a connected route.
6. Ninth Avenue (north side), Main Street to B Street	Lively	None	Meets Criteria #7 of the Active Transportation Winter Maintenance Policy - Local Road that forms a connected route.
Sidewalks			

Deletions to Winter Maintenance in 2024 / 2025:	Location of Route	Bus Stops on Route	Reason for Change
None			
Cycling Facilities			
All 29 centreline-kilometres of the designated cycling facilities (includes multiuse trails, bike lanes and cycle tracks) will not be maintained from November 1 to April 30.			
Off-road Trails			
Continue Winter Maintenance in 2024 / 2025:	Location	Comments	
1. Jim Gordon Boardwalk by Ramsey Lake	Sudbury	No change from past years	
2. Ramsey Lake Road multiuse path	Sudbury	No change from past years	
3. Delki Dozzi multiuse 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 (November 1, 2024, to April 30, 2025).

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the City of Greater Sudbury approves the winter maintenance plan for the active transportation network as outlined in the report entitled “Active Transportation Winter Maintenance Plan 2024”, from the General Manager of Growth and Infrastructure, presented at the Operations Committee meeting of September 9, 2024.

Next Steps:

If approved, staff will conduct the following:

1. Update By-law 2020-152 that will temporarily close all unmaintained portions of the Active Transportation network during the winter months (November 1, 2024, to April 30, 2025).
2. To ensure the public is made aware of any approved changes to the winter maintenance of active transportation facilities, staff will ensure that all relevant information, including lists of closed sidewalks and cycling facilities be posted to the City’s website, be communicated by Public Service Announcement (PSA) each year as well as by sending letters to residents (directly adjacent to the active transportation infrastructure) who will be impacted by the changes to the active transportation winter maintenance plan.

Resources Cited

1. City of Greater Sudbury, Operations Committee Resolution No. 2019-14, Active Transportation Winter Maintenance Policy
pub-greatersudbury.escribemeetings.com/FileStream.ashx?DocumentId=30113
2. City of Greater Sudbury, Council Ratification No. 2019-238
pub-greatersudbury.escribemeetings.com/FileStream.ashx?DocumentId=30057

3. City of Greater Sudbury's Winter Maintenance Practices and Policies:
www.greatersudbury.ca/live/transportation-parking-and-roads/road-maintenance/
4. Minimum Maintenance Standards for Municipal Highways, O. Reg. 239/02:
canlii.org/en/on/laws/regu/o-reg-239-02/latest/o-reg-239-02.html#document

Appendix

Map Indicating Changes to Active Transportation Winter Maintenance Plan for 2024/2025 Season