

Service levels a high priority for Pelham winter operations

Presented in a report to the Policy and Priorities Committee, Director of public works Andrea Clemencio informed members that the Town of Pelham is not forecast to meet current service levels of winter operations without a significant change to the approach of winter operations and subsequent budgeting.

Currently, the remaining 2017 operating budget for winter operations is likely not sufficient to cover the typical early winter conditions experienced in Pelham.

According to the report there were several factors that played a role in the likely shortfall: approved budget was based on projection and not actuals, adjusted sidewalk contracted services was not included in budget request, and additional 2017 sidewalks and roads have increased the material and labour demand.

"The scope of the report is meant to be a shift in long-term thinking of our winter operations," said Clemencio. "What could we do here that would allow us to address our shortfalls now and allow us to

set a framework for growth - so that as we continue to grow we can continue to keep up our service levels with that growth."

According to Councillor John Durley, the Town of Pelham's services levels are a point of high praise amongst residents.

"The comments that I'm getting from the public is that the level of clearing roads in this town are second to none," said Durley. "How can we maintain our excellent service at an affordable level - we have an excellent reputation for our roads."

The report identified three options to keep the services levels expected by residents of the Town moving forward: Internal winter maintenance for all roads, using additional leased fleet; Outsource winter operations of urban roads to contractor; and internal winter maintenance for all roads, using additional purchased fleet.

Option one was approved to be recommended to Council. View the [winter operations report](#).

Senior-friendly designation by WHO

After a much work and a strong case, the Pelham Senior's Advisory Committee is pleased to announce that Pelham has been recognized by the World Health Organization as an age-friendly community. An official recognition of this designation will take place in the coming weeks.

Culture Days

The Town of Pelham will once again participate in Culture Days, an annual national event that celebrates the Arts in local communities. Visit: <http://www.pelham.ca/culture-days> for more information.

Canada Day final report

The Canada Day final report was submitted to Council, highlighted by the nearly-12,000 people who took part in the festivities at Harold Black Park; up from just over 7,100 the year prior. The 2017 Pelham Canada Day Celebration was a wonderful community event once again, meeting the goals and expectations of those who put the event on.

Funding from the federal government remained at the same level as past years, but a larger donation from Niagara Peninsula Energy Inc. as part of their Canada 150 program was received and greatly appreciated.



Pelham Town Council

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6:30 p.m. Council Chambers

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