

Delegation Request

From: Graham Winney

To: Public Works, Planning &
Development Standing Committee

Thank you for having me today. I'm here to raise some issues that I have had to deal with, & I'm sure other townfolk regarding snow plowing.

We all pay our taxes for winter snow removal, which is much appreciated. I also do some plowing and snow blowing for a bit of extra winter cash.

However, my taxes are paid to remove the snow from our streets & roads, but not to plow 4ft up our driveways, that can be as deep as 3 to 4ft of very hard packed road snow/ice. This also includes sidewalks. Attached are photos of sidewalks I snowblow for clients at 1 & 17 Queen St. (the photos only represent a few of the half dozen downtown clients I clear snow for.

The problem here is, the sidewalks butt right up against the road, leaving no room for the town plows to push the snow to. And this brings me to my issue. I have had to come back as many as 4x to clear sidewalk snow I have already cleared. Each time, as the day progresses, the plows push up not just snow, but grim, salt, dirt, snow and ice, which makes it impossible to clear using snowblowers. In fact, last year 2024, it cost me over \$600 in repairs to my blowers whenever I or my daughter tried to clear these areas, after the town plows have dumped, at times, nearly 4ft of rock hard road snow/ice.

Then on top of all that, I have actually had the Bi-Law Officer give us notices to clear the sidewalks, or be fined, if you can believe that!!

This must stop, this is completely unfair. Aside from having to repair belts, shear pins, paddles and blades, the amount of time it takes to clear these areas makes it that I am working in the red.

I do not have photos to show other areas, but we have several senior citizen clients in the east end of town, and we've come to their homes to clear snow, and are greeted with 4ft of hard packed, rock solid snow at the ends of the driveways, that go up the driveway as far as 8ft!! Again, we pay taxes to have our roads cleared, not to have all that road grim, salt and ice packed snow plowed up our driveways and covering our sidewalks.

This can be resolved, and I would like to propose a solution.

My Sister lives in Scarborough, and they never ever have to deal with these issues mentioned here, as the city has M5 trackless machines that come along and clear the ends of everyones driveways, especially in the areas that seem to have much more snow plowed up along the sides of the roads, which I assume is due to the build up on snow the plow has pushed.

I am small time doing this, but have done this for years, and I would be more than happy to buy 2 or 3 used M5 trackless machines to help clear the ends of driveways in the immediate downtown area, especially where seniors live, and where the town leaves FEET or rock hard snow at the bottom of their driveways, and along sidewalks that they must have cleared, or be fined by the town.

This is my proposal, and I'd be happy to offer quotes, or any insight that might be needed to help eliminate and/or remove the problem.

Thank you for hearing me out!















