

Options for Enhanced Windrow Clearing Program Roads, Parks, and Forestry

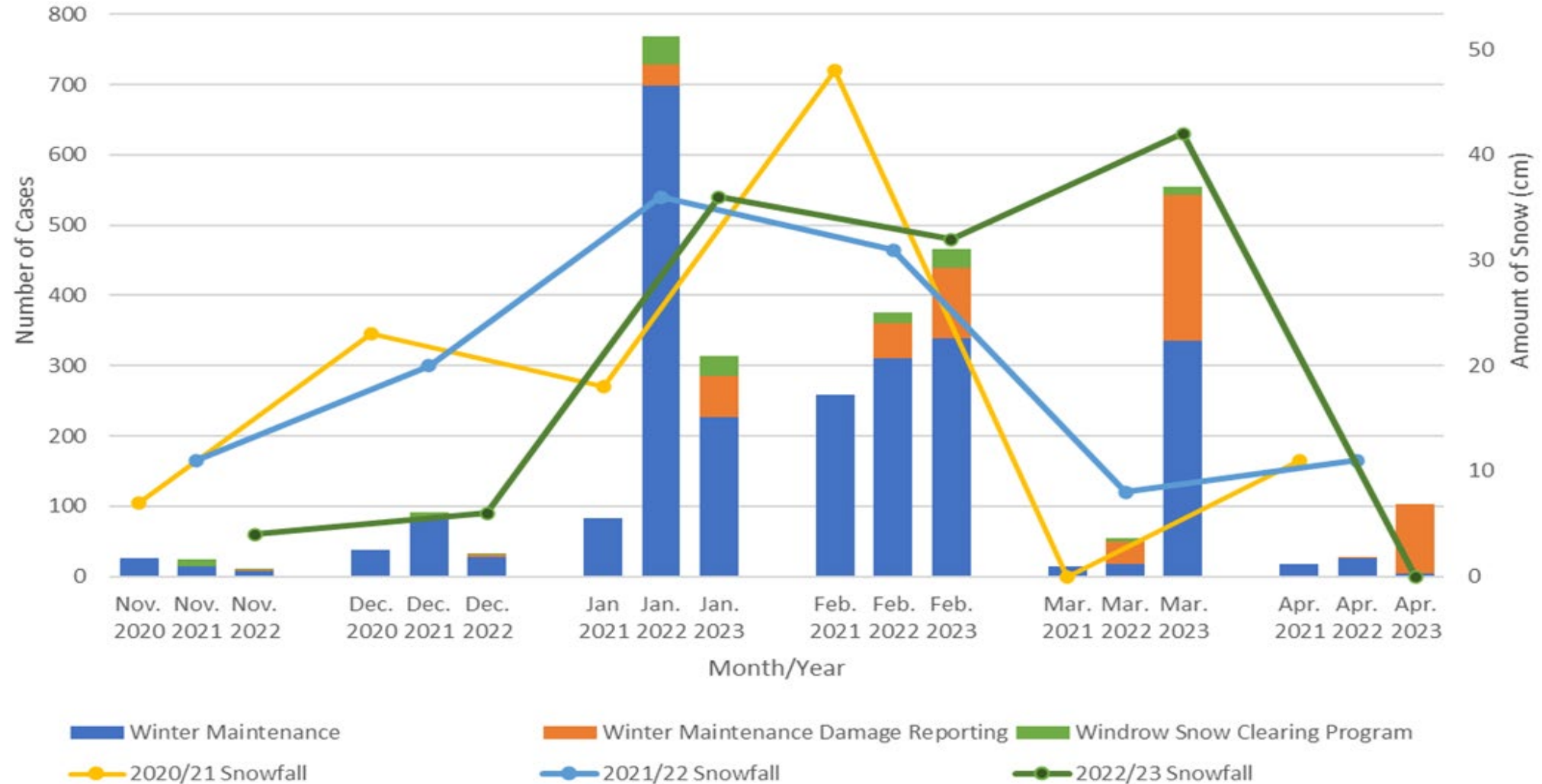
Staff Presentation

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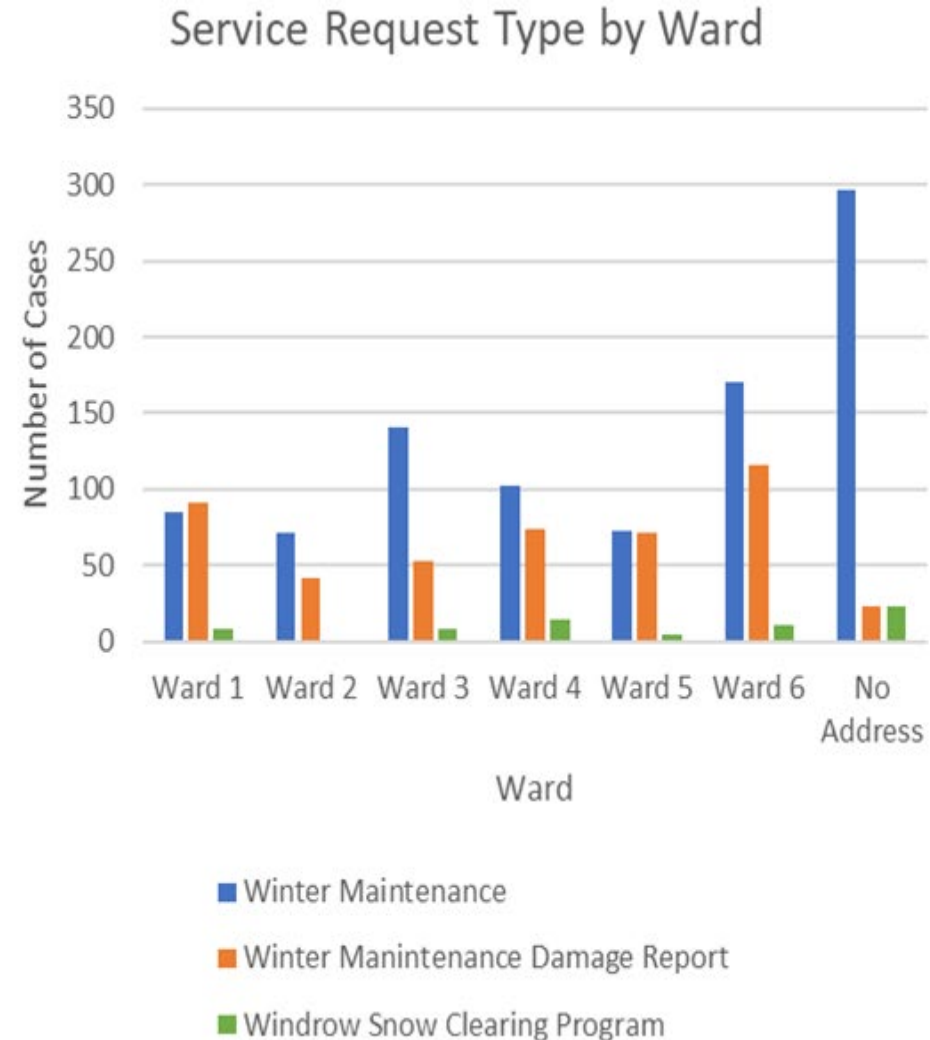
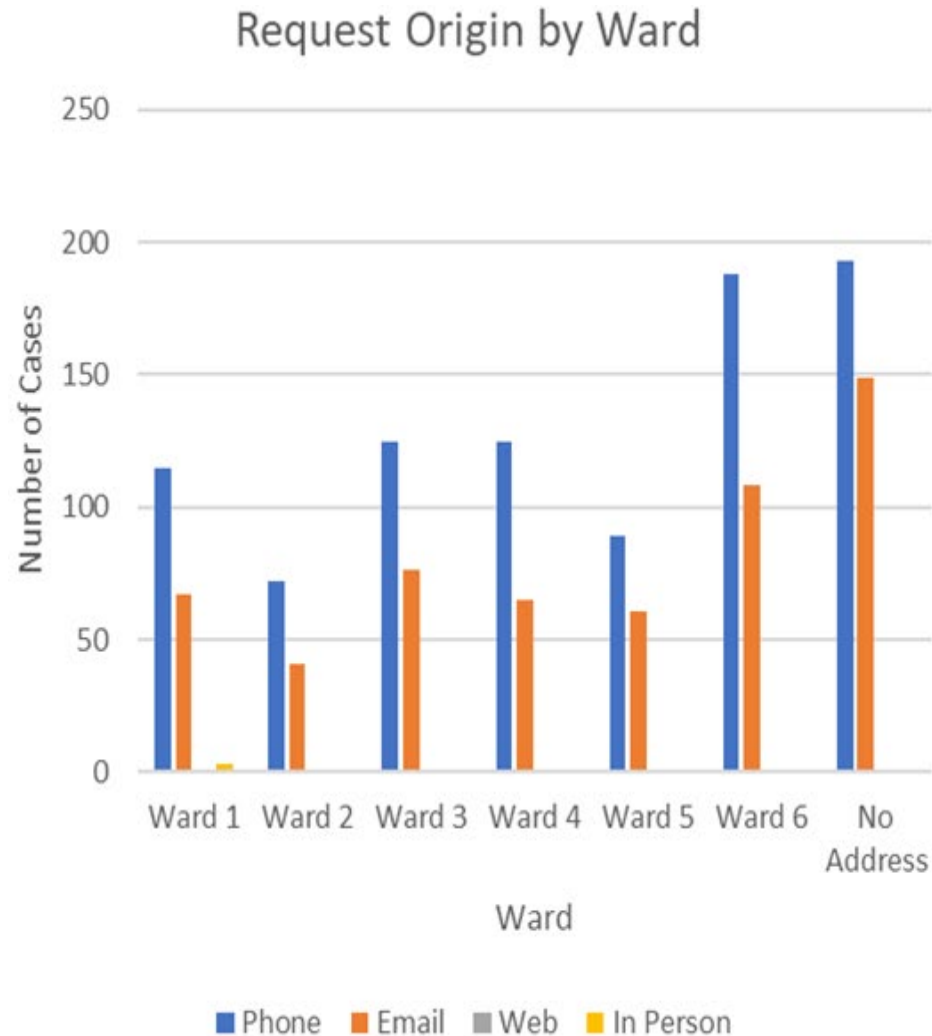
Background

- The City's current driveway windrow clearing program was established in 2008 (after a 2-year pilot) with a capacity of 125 locations, and at a fee of \$50+HST.
- The program size and fee, has nominally increased over the years with the current capacity at 200 driveway locations, and a fee of \$60+HST.
- The response service level was initially 16 hours after completing plowing of all city roads. The was improved to 12 hours in 2021.
- The program is currently only available to residents south of Dundas St. and those within the Alton community.

Winter Historical Data 2020 to 2023



Customer Service Enquiries - Winter 2022/23



List of GTA Municipalities providing Windrow Removal Assistance

MUNICIPALITY	CITY WIDE PROGRAM	SELECTIVE WINDROW PROGRAM	PROGRAM SIZE (# OF DRIVEWAYS)	COST TO RESIDENT (HST Excluded)	PROGRAM COST
Burlington	No	Yes	200	\$60	\$20,000
Brampton	No	Yes (Financial Assistance Only)	2,900	\$300 to \$400 Grant Reimbursement	\$1,015,000
Hamilton	No	No	-	-	-
Markham	No	Yes	6,900	Included in General Tax Levy	\$604,000
Mississauga	No	Yes	700	\$200 (No cost where eligible)	\$150,000
Oakville	No	yes	400 to 500	\$98	\$83,000
Richmond Hill	Yes	-	55,000	Included in General Tax Levy	\$4,500,000
Toronto	No	Yes	260,000	Included in General Tax Levy	Not Available
Vaughan	Yes	-	84,000	Included in General Tax Levy	\$2,100,000

Current Windrow Removal Equipment



Equipment Needed for a City-Wide Windrow Clearing Program



City-Wide Windrow Clearing Operation



Challenges for a City Wide Windrow Program

- Parked cars adjacent to or on the driveway apron which prevents service;
- Driveway spacing with little or no snow storage;
- Boulevard width or curb-side sidewalk locations with little or no space for snow storage;
- Potential of damages to driveway aprons;
- Availability of equipment, operators and yard storage space to enable the service; and
- Financial Impact.

Options for Consideration

1. Expanded Service Area of Windrow Program to city wide.
2. Increase Program Size to 500 Driveways (12-hour Response Service level). Increase fee from \$60 to \$75.
3. Increase Program Size to 1,000 Driveways (12-hour Response Service level). Increase fee from \$60 to \$125.
4. Implement a City-Wide Windrow Clearing Program (38,000 driveways). Fee incorporated in general property tax levy. Implementation season – TBD.

Financial Impact of Options

	Existing Program Costs (12 hour) (200 Driveways)	Estimated Program Costs (12 Hour) (500 Driveways)	Estimated Program Costs (12 hour) (1000 Driveways)	Estimated City- Wide Program Costs (38,000 Driveways)
Equipment & Operator Standby	\$12,000	\$30,000	\$60,000	\$2,600,000
Windrow Clearing Operations	\$13,000	\$35,000	\$65,000	\$500,000
RPF Administrative Resources	-	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$275,000
Bylaw and Parking Control	-	-	-	\$100,000
Leased Land for Equipment Staging	-	-	-	\$300,000
Revenue @ \$60 per driveway	\$12,000	-	-	-
Revenue @ \$75 per driveway	-	\$37,500	-	-
Revenue @ \$125 per driveway	-	-	\$125,000	-
Net Program Costs	\$13,000	\$47,500	\$20,000	\$3,775,000
Existing Program Budget	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
Additional Budget Impact	N/A	\$27,500	N/A	\$3,755,000

Staff Recommendations

- Expand the windrow program service area boundaries to include all areas of the city.
- Implement a 1,000 driveway windrow clearing program (Option 3), with no eligibility restrictions and at a program fee of \$125 per driveway for the 2023/24 winter season.
- Amend the current Rates and Fees By-law to implement the new Windrow Clearing Program fees.

QUESTIONS?