



## Budget Service Change Request

### Service Change Type

- New Service
- Service Update
- End of Service

### PRIORITY 3 INCREASED SNOW AND ICE CONTROL PILOT

### Service and Adjustment Summary

Service	Service Description	Service Value and/or Level	2025 Budget Adjustment
<b>Snow Clearing and Ice Control</b>	Snow clearing and ice control of Town parking lots, roads, pathways, sidewalks and priority one pedestrian crossings as identified in the Okotoks Integrated and Accessible Transportation Policy.	Access to a public road to move people, goods and services.	\$0.1M for a pilot to improve snow and ice control for Priority 3 (P3) roadways.

### **Why change now? What is the need?**

The 2025 budget survey indicated that 36% of respondents desired an increase to road and sidewalk service levels. This category represented the highest desired service level increase in the survey with 58% of respondents indicating the rationale for increasing road and sidewalk services levels was a desire to provide a higher level of snow clearing and ice control. Reading through the detailed responses, a majority of concerns were related to snow control and removal of snow on Priority 3 (P3) roadways.

In Southern Alberta municipalities do not typically provide full removals on local roadways as communities rely on lower snowfalls and periodic warming throughout winter to melt snow water. The Integrated and Accessible Transportation Policy PS-A-2.4 states that levels for P3 roadways includes, "snow removal and / or snow storage operations may be implemented when the road is rendered impassable, poses significant safety concerns, drainage is impacted, other extenuating circumstances as determined, or when compacted snow exceeds 25cm."

Previously administration calculated the cost to remove snow from P3 roadways, but the financial cost of these options was significant and viewed as cost prohibitive

Administration is proposing a pilot to increase the amount of snow control efforts on P3 roadways



**What is the expected impact/benefit for the community? How much of the community will be impacted and/or benefit by the change?**

During the pilot, this will increase the amount of snow control effort expended on some P3 roadways.

**What is the expected impact/benefit for the organization?**

The intent of the pilot is to increase the level of snow and ice control service on some P3 roadways and evaluate whether this additional snow control helps alleviate resident concerns. After a pilot we hope to be in a better position to evaluate the cost/benefit of potential increases to the level of service for P3 roadways. This pilot is expected to provide a marginal increase to snow and ice control on some P3 roadways but is not expected to provide a comparable level of service to full snow removal. Conflicts with parking, windrows, private snow removals and rutting are still expected to exist to some extent throughout this pilot.

Post completion of priority 1 and 2 roads, this pilot includes:

- Increased straight blading of P3 roadways. Potentially utilizing smaller equipment.
- Increased chemical treatment and sanding of P3 roadways
- Piloting of piling snow in cul-de-sacs, bays landings and coves in some locations.

This additional funding will be used to cover up to \$100,000 of additional fuel, sand, chemical and additional street sweeping costs for P3 operations.

**Budget Change (M's)**

Annual Estimated Change	2025B	2026F	2027F	2028F	2029F	Total
	\$0.100	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	\$0.100

Depending on the pilot outcomes there could be additional budget requests in the future.

