

Council Snow and Ice Control Audit Sub-Committee Moves Forward

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Council's Audit Committee today approved the scope and terms of reference for a performance audit of The City of Calgary's snow and ice control operations and a timeline that will see a preliminary report with recommendations for service options before Council prior to the summer Council recess.

"The review will be thorough and the timelines aggressive," said Alderman Diane Colley-Urquhart, Chair of Snow and Ice Control (SNIC) Performance Audit Sub-Committee. "But Calgarians have told us they are not prepared to wait another winter before Council takes action on this issue."

SNIC Performance Audit Sub-Committee members include Chair Diane Colley-Urquhart, Vice-Chair Ray Jones and members André Chabot, John Mar and Brian Pincott, as well as two citizen appointees. Applicants for the appointments will be sought through an advertised selection process.

"It is critical that citizens have input and a say on this issue," noted Vice-Chair Alderman Ray Jones.

A technical working committee will also be formed to work with the independent consulting firm to perform a systematic review of all current snow and ice control programs at The City, develop recommendations for increased efficiencies, and options for different service levels. "The review will also include a survey of snow and ice control practices in other Canadian municipalities and benchmark current Calgary practices against others," stated Colley-Urquhart.

An interim report will be prepared for review at the July 19 Council meeting. The final report to Council will be in November prior to the 2011 business plan and budget adjustment review, and will include service level and budget recommendations.

The open SNIC Performance Audit Sub-committee meetings will be held on a regular and as required basis.