

## **DEERFOOT TRAIL WIDENING**

Work on widening Deerfoot Trail, Beddington Trail to 64<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE was somewhat delayed by inclement weather in October but it is still hoped that this section can be completed this season. However a contingency plan for shutting the project down over the winter months is being prepared in case the work is not completed before the ground is frozen. If work does have to cease, the current traffic pattern will be kept in place over the winter. From 64<sup>th</sup> Avenue to McKnight Boulevard, work on the retaining wall and the concrete culvert extension will start this winter with the road widening to commence in Spring 2010. Completion of the project is scheduled for July 2010.

## **SNOW AND ICE CONTROL POLICY AND SERVICE LEVELS**

At the 2010 January 18 Council meeting, Administration was directed, if required, to utilize the Fiscal Stability Reserve Fund to allow for additional snow clearing and to supersede current Council policy on removal of snow from residential areas. During debate, Council also considered a Notice of Motion by Ward 12 Alderman Mciver, "Taking Action on Snow Removal". Recommendations included policy changes which allow for private citizens with snow removal equipment to help out on a volunteer basis, equipping alternate City vehicles with snow removal equipment allowing for double usage, defining and standardizing "passable" standards for roads, and consideration of changes to parking policies to facilitate snow clearing in residential areas. These recommendations have been referred to the Audit Committee and will be coming back to Council by 2010 September.

In 2009 September, Administration reported to Council on the results of the 2009 Roads Annual Survey, together with a response to Council's direction to report on potential cost saving methods for snow and ice control including consideration of cross-department training for best use of snow removal equipment and the possibility of cross-department budgeting. The 2009 Survey questions, along with the complete results are available on the Ward 3 website at [www.ward3calgary.ca](http://www.ward3calgary.ca). Basically, the results show that the majority of Calgarians do not want to see a property tax increase to pay for an increased level of snow and ice control measures. This survey is conducted annually and given this year's conditions, it will be interesting to see the results of next year's survey. I will continue to push for cross-departmental training to ensure optimum utilization of the City's plows and sanders.

## **PEDESTRIAN CORRIDOR**

The Transportation Department has advised that a flashing pedestrian corridor will be installed at the intersection of 64<sup>th</sup> Avenue & Martingrove Drive NE. Work on the infrastructure required began in November. It is anticipated that installation of the flashing lights will be within the next 3 to 4 months.

As always, I welcome your calls and emails so if you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact my office.

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