



Report Presented To:	Township of Southgate Council Meeting
Meeting Date:	2025-03-05
Report Number	PW2025-010
Title:	Public Works Department Update
Open/Closed Session:	Open Session
Prepared By:	Acting Public Works Manager John Watson
Approved By:	Jim Ellis Interim Chief Administrative Officer

Executive Summary:

Public Works Department Update

Recommendation:

Be it resolved that Staff Report PW2025-010 be received for information

Background:

Public Works Department Update

Analysis

Transportation and Public Safety

1. Pursuant to Section 16.9 of O. Reg 239/02, Township staff declared a significant weather event on Thursday February 13, 2025 at 5:00 pm due to current and forecasted conditions with an incoming weather system. Staff declared the significant weather event ended on Friday February 14, 2025 at 1:00 pm.
2. Pursuant to Section 16.9 of O. Reg 239/02, Township staff declared a significant weather event on Saturday February 15, 2025 at 4:30 pm due to current and forecasted conditions with an incoming weather system. Staff declared the significant weather event ended on Wednesday February 19, 2025 at 12:30 pm.
3. Moorefield Excavating started snow blowing, loading and hauling snow away from residential streets in Dundalk. The operation was undertaken to widen streets to make them safe again, as well as open catch basins for run off. At the time this report was written, the cost of this operation so far is approximately \$30,000 plus HST, with another estimated \$20,000-\$25,000 plus HST to complete. This is not a typical activity that the Township of Southgate undertakes however, given the amount of snow that has accumulated this winter, it was necessary to keep our streets and residents safe.

4. Half load restrictions, 5 tonne per axle will be posted and in effect March 1, 2025, as per By-law No. 2021-007. Load restrictions are put in place to protect our roads while the spring thaw is happening, and roads become soft from the frost coming out.

Internal Policy and Legislated Requirements:

Section 16.9 of O. Reg 239/02 Minimum Maintenance Standards

Section 122 (7) of the Highway Traffic Act, R.S.O. 1990, chapter H.8

[by-law-2021-007-load-restriction-by-law.pdf](#)

Financial and Resource Implications:

The cost of snowbank removal from residential streets in Dundalk will be covered by the proposed Roads Winter Activity Operating Budget, and winter operations reserves.

Strategic Priorities:

Priority: Operational Excellence

Goal: Goal 11: Provide Excellent Customer Service to Southgate Ratepayers and Community Members

Action Item: Choose an item.

Attachments:

List Attachments:

Attachment 1: Before Snow Bank Removal – Van Dusen

Attachment 2: After Snow Bank Removal – Van Dusen