



2021 Service Review Council Questions

SERVICE AREA: Streets

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ELECTED OFFICIAL: Poole

QUESTION:

I'd like to know what might shift in your service areas (staffing, contracting, programs) if there were roughly a 5% or 10% cut in the tax revenue available to your department, compared to 2019, for your service areas.

I'm asking this question of all departments during this pandemic period. Many of us in business are forced to tighten our belts. While there may be arguments at higher-levels of government for fiscal spending to stimulate the economy, at our municipal level, by reducing taxes we help reduce the burdens on our residents.

What operations could be reduced for 2021, perhaps deferred by a year or two?

Operations and capital projects are intertwined. A new capital project typically needs people to oversee it. Are there capital projects, which, if deferred, might free up some of your staff time to deliver current services you would prioritize?

ANSWER:

Administration takes guidance for the service review and budget from the Governance and Finance Committee during the review of the Financial Plan. The service review is this Committee's opportunity to review the services offered by the Town and either enhance or reduce service levels based on based on the needs of their constituents. Administration has adjusted budgets and work plans for the targets set out in the financial plan in July 2020 and reconfirmed in December 2020.

Operating impacts resulting from capital projects can be found at the end of each of the previously approved capital project descriptions included throughout the service review. During the service review presentations administration will highlight individual operating impacts as we go through each capital project.



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SERVICE AREA: Streets - Roadway Operations

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ELECTED OFFICIAL: Brian Standish

QUESTION:

Please explain the jump in roadways in poor condition in 2019 (32%) compared to 2018 (3%)

ANSWER:

Pavement condition assessments are done every 6 or 7 years. In the year the data is newly collected it's the most accurate. Between condition assessments the only method to update roadway condition is based on area overlaid which moves roads from "poor" up to "very good" while everything else remains static based on the last time a professional condition assessment was done. This means roads may deteriorate to poor condition over time but within the database they remain unchanged as don't have a reliable method of assessing the condition. In 2019 the Town conducted an assessment so since 2013 when the last assessment was done no streets moved into the "poor" category until 2019 which shows the correction in data.



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SERVICE AREA: Streets Department – Snow and Ice Management

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ELECTED OFFICIAL: Poole

QUESTION:

What do you estimate the cost per area of snow clearing & maintenance on Bear St sidewalks and the vehicular zone & parking will be compared to other sidewalks, roads in Banff?

ANSWER:

Administration is anticipating an increased cost for snow and ice maintenance on Bear street and have adjusted the budget accordingly. Until the project is complete this summer and the teams have had a chance to formulate standard operating procedures and best practices an estimate will continue to be used. Prior to the 2021/2022 snow season administration will return to council with an update.



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ELECTED OFFICIAL: DiManno

QUESTION:

Have we had to deploy the more abrasive chemicals since altering the policy/giving Administration the flexibility to do so? If so, has this method been successful?

ANSWER:

Yes. Last winter on a couple of occasions Streets applied "Park's" mix where required. "Park's" mix is an abrasive mixture used for traction which is blended with an aggregate containing a high content of fines or silt and a higher percentage of chloride. The town typically uses a washed rock (gyra) with no fines or silt and only enough chloride (pickling) to prevent the pile from freezing. The "Park's" mix was effective however required extra clean-up in the street and created more dust.