



External Briefing Note

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Subject: Town of Georgina position regarding the Region assuming winter maintenance of sidewalks adjacent to Regional roads, given Regional tax levy implications, by September 30, 2022

To: Mayor and Council

From: Michael Vos, Director, Operations and Infrastructure

Date: September 28, 2022

Briefing:

The Region of York has requested at its June 30th, 2022 council meeting for confirmation from local municipalities of their position regarding the Region assuming winter maintenance of sidewalks adjacent to Regional roads, given Regional tax levy implications, by September 30, 2022.

At its meeting on August 10, 2022, Town of Georgina Council received and referred [the item](#) to staff to review and report back with recommendations.

Directors responsible for winter maintenance from six (6) of the York Regional municipalities met on August 15, 2022 to discuss the request. All municipalities in attendance, including the Town of Georgina, agreed that;

1. Additional financial information was required to make an informed decision
2. Additional operational information including service levels and maintainability were required to make an informed decision
3. Impactful service level changes need to be well-supported and thoroughly vetted prior to recommendation, and are not recommended to be debated during an election
4. A deferral of confirmation of position regarding the Region assuming winter maintenance of sidewalks adjacent to Regional roads be deferred until 2023

and each requested an extension (item 4) from the Region via email in the week following. Successively, the remaining municipalities not in attendance on August 15, 2022, confirmed their support of item 4 above via email.

As a result of the above, on August 25, 2022, Regional staff confirmed that the requested confirmation of position be deferred until early 2023, and that further information will be provided to support staff in their recommendations to their respective Councils.