

Corporate Services

November 13, 2024

Re: Snow Removal Rebate Program - Pilot Project

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Orangeville, at its Regular Council Meeting held on November 4, 2024, approved the following resolution:

Whereas access to safe and clear pathways during winter months is essential for all residents in the Town of Orangeville, including seniors and persons with disabilities; and

Whereas the accumulation of snow and ice can pose challenges to accessibility and safe passage, particularly for individuals with mobility issues; and

Whereas some of the goals and objectives of the Town's Age Friendly Advisory Committee is to:

- **consult with residents about issues affecting seniors,**
- **provide a forum for seniors to exchange information about current issues and emerging concerns,**
- **improve awareness of services available to seniors in Orangeville.**

Whereas the 'Snow Angels Canada' program provides a tool to connect neighbours within their communities either looking for snow removal services or to become a volunteer; and

Whereas several municipalities offer separate programs similar to the 'Snow Angels Canada' program that allow neighbours to assist with snow removal; and

Whereas a rebate program can provide financial assistance to residents who hire third-party services for snow and ice removal from their driveways and sidewalks during the winter season;

Now therefore be it resolved that staff be directed to report back to Council on the development and implementation of a Snow Removal Rebate Program as a pilot project for the 2024/2025 winter season; and

That the Snow Removal Rebate Program be offered as a pilot project, with a budget of \$10,000.00 being funded from both the Age Friendly Advisory Committee and Access Orangeville special project budgets; and

That the pilot project provide for a \$200.00 rebate to be used for snow removal services for qualified applicants ; and

Further that staff report back to Council in Q3 of 2025 outlining the feasibility of being able to offer this program annually.

Carried Unanimously.

Yours truly,

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