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Greetings Mayor and Council-

Happy holidays! I hope you are enjoying some well deserved time off. I certainly am enjoying family time.

Just wanted to check-in on a few things so you are aware of what's going on with your staff operations:

Sanitation:

We have pretty much caught-up on our trash and green bin collections yesterday, but due to the delays in many hilly areas, we are going to extend the free residential trash drop-off at the transfer station until next Saturday. The cost is negligible for us, but people seem to really appreciate it given the inconvenience of missed pick-ups over the last couple weeks.

Cold Weather:

As I mentioned yesterday, we are re-opening the night warming centres for the next couple nights. We'll be aligning the opening/closing with the Regional Extreme Weather Response plans, so the centres are open when an EWR is called. Homeless seem to using them still as a way to get out of the cold.

Roads:

The weather forecast for Monday is calling for a chance of snow flurries starting at 6am, before turning to steady snow around 10am. There is some uncertainty around the amount of snow we will receive tomorrow, as the accumulations continue to increase with every weather update. At the moment we are expecting to see anywhere from 4cm to 8cm before the snow turns to rain by mid-afternoon. With that said, we will be activating the Engineering Dept Operations Center (DOC) at 6am tomorrow as a precautionary measure.

Here's our current operations plans:

Sanitation will have 12 salter/plows on tonight until 7am, with the potential to add more. Streets will have 14 salter/plows starting at 5am, with another 18 salter/plows starting at 7am. We will also have 2 Hand Salting Crews starting at 7am to deal with any 311 calls we receive.

Rain turns to showers for Monday night, with temperatures on the rise, so it looks like wet weather for the next couple of days.

Have a great day. I have intermittent cell coverage, so if there's an emergency that you need to reach me for, please call: 250 965 0111

Thanks

Sadhu

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Bell network.