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Greetings Mayor and Council

Last night, steady light snow fell city-wide from approximately 9:00pm – 11:45pm. There was a brief two-hour window where very light scattered flurries were present allowing crews to clear all major arterial roads. However, heavy snow began at 2am and increased in intensity at 3am.

With 10-20 cm of accumulated snow, crews began closing hills with steep gradients due to safety concerns and emergency services have closed some roads as needed. In these conditions salt will have a limited impact so crews have been working non-stop with a focus on clearing the snow on 1500kms of priority arterial routes, but due to consistent sub-zero temperatures, snow has accumulated.

Green bin pick up has been suspended this week and there will be no garbage collection today as staff have been redeployed to hand shovel snow at bus stops, curb ramps and sidewalks not adjacent to properties. We encourage all residents and businesses to clear their sidewalks as soon as possible and to call 311 for assistance from the Snow Angel program.

Via media and the City's social channels, we are encouraging residents to avoid driving unless necessary and use caution when walking. If residents must drive they are being asked to be prepared for delays and ensure they have proper tires, drive for the conditions, respect barriers and to please give ploughs plenty of space.

We are expecting gradual warming today with flurries and new snow of up to 5-15cm expected overnight.

We will continue to have all available crews reallocated from other work to deal with the snow fight.

I will send you an update as the day progresses.

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