

# Seasonal Level of Service Council Policy CP2017-001



# What is the policy?

In essence:

- Council has chosen to direct Staff to provide limited seasonal (non-winter) service on qualifying unassumed roads
  - Service includes grading and limited gravel application

# Definitions: Roads

- **Unassumed Road:** Right of Way property owned by the municipality where the City is not legally required to provide maintenance services.
- **Private Road:** A right of way owned by a private owner or group of owners where the City has no ownership.
- Note: the SLOS policy only applies to Unassumed Roads

# Legal Opinion

- In 2009 the City received a legal opinion on Limited Service Agreements
- “The City is not legally obligated to provide maintenance on either category of road (private or unassumed) and not doing so limits both the maintenance costs and exposure to liability for the City” – Staples and Swain
- Municipalities across the province have taken stance to provide no road maintenance service to unassumed and private roads

# How did we get here?

- Historically, many unassumed roads have received varying limited service (occasional grading and/or winter maintenance)
- Residents have grown to appreciate and expect this level of service
- From amalgamation thru to adoption of the Policy, in an effort to control the program the City set minimum standards and has been entering into agreements (Limited Service Agreement)
- Council direction of Core Service Review

# Roads Core Service Review

## Review Commenced in 2015

- Started as review of “Limited Service Agreements” for Unassumed and Private Roads
- Expanded into Roads Inventory project to evaluate and understand potential impact of decisions
- Multiple public meetings, presentations and reports to Council
- Project is ongoing and will be for several years

# Roads Core Service Review

## Unassumed Roads

- Review of Limited Service Agreement process
  - Multiple reports and recommendations to Council
- Council adopted CP2017-001 “Seasonal Level of Service Policy” (SLOS) for unassumed roads
- Identifies seasonal (spring, summer and/or fall) grading service and annual gravel application
- Policy clarifies no winter service is provided
- Winter service was cancelled for Mink Alley and Fulsom Crescent via resolution of Council

# What are we doing now?

- Roads that were previously within the LSA program have been grandfathered into the SLOS policy
  - Annual inspections are completed. Minimum road standard must be maintained.
- New roads must follow the application process to receive seasonal service
  - If roads fail to meet standard, it is the association's responsibility to undertake improvements before service is provided



# What are we doing now? Cont'd

- Unassumed roads that have received historical service in lieu of agreement or policy are receiving status quo services
  - Part of Road Maintenance Database review
- The road maintenance database currently identifies ~135 km of unassumed roads in varying condition
- Staff are currently providing service to ~59 km of unassumed roads through the SLOS policy

**Feedback from Staff is the new SLOS  
process is functioning very well.**

**Questions?**