THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF VERNON

MEMORANDUM

TO: Will Pearce, CAO

FILE: 1700-02 (2023)

Patti Bridal, CAO

FROM: Debra Law, Director, Financial Services

DATE: December 6, 2022

PC: Kevin Poole, Director, Community Safety, Lands

and Administration

SUBJECT: 2023 BUDGET DELIBERATIONS AND SNOW REMOVAL ENHANCEMENTS

On December 5, 2022, during a Special meeting of Council, called for the purpose of reviewing and deliberating on the 2023 budget, Council approved four service level adjustments related to snow removal: Snow Removal Frequency Increase (Downtown, 27 St, 32 St and problem areas - \$134,000, Snow Removal Enhancements to Bus Stops - \$160,000, Snow Plowing Enhancements to Priority Lanes - \$15,000, and Snow Plowing Sidewalks – Weekend & Holiday Response - \$20,000.

The next step in the budgeting process will be for Financial Services to present the 2023 – 2027 Financial Plan bylaw to Council. This bylaw will be presented to Council for first three readings on Monday, January 9, 2023. Final adoption of the bylaw will occur on Monday, January 23, 2023.

Until final adoption of the 2023 – 2027 Financial Plan bylaw, Administration has no expenditure authority to enhance its snow removal practices. That will not occur until Monday, January 23, 2023, after final adoption of the bylaw.

At this time, the final result of the 2023 budget deliberations held at the Special meeting of Council on December 5, 2022 was a 4.79% increase in total taxation.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council receive for information the memorandum titled "2023 Budget Deliberations and Snow Removal Enhancements" dated December 6, 2022 respectfully submitted by the Director, Financial Services.

Respectfully submitted: