

## Supplementary Budget – Briefing Note

## 2020 Budget

## Increase Salt Materials

**Briefing Note required for:**

-items &gt;\$50,000

-changes in FTE

Dept	Division	Business Unit	Item	Base Supp	Amount	FTE Impact
IES	Public Works	16502; 16503; 16505; 16506; 165017; 16509; 16510; 16511; 16512	Snow removing salt materials year 2 of 4 base budget increase	B	125,000	0

**Background:**

-Briefly provide why this is a request  
(eg. Based on 3 year history)

This budget request is year two of phase-in approach (\$125,000 per year for 4 years for a total of \$500,000 by 2022) as a result of Council's decision during the 2013 budget process to cut \$500,000 from the winter control budget. In addition, Council also cut the 2018 request for a \$500,000 increase in salt material. The winter control budget has been historically underfunded in relation to Ontario Minimum Maintenance Standards.

**Comment:**

Ontario's Municipal Act, Reg. 239/02: Minimum Maintenance Standards for Municipal Highways (MMS) sets out minimum standards for road, highway and sidewalk maintenance for all municipalities. Winter maintenance activities play a huge role in maintaining safe roads for Ontario road users, and if MMS are not met, the municipality may be held liable for injuries or damages resulting from a car or cycling accident due to an unsafe road condition.

As of May 3, 2018, substantial changes were made to the Minimum Maintenance Standards for Municipal Highways, O Reg 239/02 ("MMS"), including the introduction of winter maintenance standards including de-icing and patrol obligations, for sidewalks. The changes to sidewalk winter control are estimated to create a significant impact to the winter control budget.

There is significant uncontrolled fluctuation that makes it difficult to predict future costs based on the number of winter events that require winter control operations.