



# Finance Committee Report

## City of Newton In City Council

**Monday, March 5, 2018**

Present: Councilors Lappin (Acting Chair), Norton, Cote, Rice, Noel, and Grossman

Absent: Councilors Ciccone and Gentile

City staff present: Jim McGonagle (Commissioner of Public Works) and Sue Dzikowski (Comptroller)

### Referred to Public Facilities and Finance Committees

**#155-18      Appropriate \$500,000 for snow and ice removal expenses**

HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate the sum of five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) from Free Cash to supplement the Department of Public Works' snow and ice operations budget.

Personnel Costs – Overtime (0140110-513001).....	\$150,000
Rental Vehicles (0140110-5273-5273) .....	\$350,000

**Public Facilities Approved 6-0 on 02/21/18**

**Action:      Finance Approved as amended 6-0 @ \$1,850,000**

**Note:**      The Mayor's Office is requesting an amendment (attached) to the item to appropriate an additional \$1,350,000 from Free Cash to bring the total appropriation to \$1,850,000. The additional funds include \$350,000 for tree services. There were over 40 trees and limbs knocked down due to the last storm and the expectation is that the impending storm will result in additional damage to trees. The remaining funding will be used to supplement the Department of Public Works budget for the upcoming storm. This request, if approved, will bring the snow budget up to \$5.75 million. If there are any unused funds from this appropriation, they will go back into the general fund. Councilor Cote moved approval, which carried unanimously.

All other items before the Committee were held without discussion. The Committee adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Lappin, Chair



Ruthanne Fuller  
Mayor

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March 5, 2018

Honorable City Council  
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Ladies and Gentlemen:

I write to request that your Honorable Council amend Docket # 155-18 by transferring an additional \$1,350,000 from June 30, 2017 Certified Free Cash to the Department of Public Works and the Parks & Recreation Department to cover costs incurred as a result of the most recent storm as well as the impending storm forecasted for Wednesday March 7<sup>th</sup>. The total amount to be transferred is now \$1,850,000 and should be directed to the following accounts:

DPW Personnel Costs – Overtime – Acct # 0140110-513001	\$ 450,000
DPW Rental Vehicles (Contractors) – Acct# 0140110-5273	\$1,050,000
Parks & Rec/Forestry Tree Service – Acct # 0160203-5243	\$ 350,000

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ruthanne Fuller".

Ruthanne Fuller  
Mayor

**Fiscal Year 2018 Snow Budget  
by Funding Source**

**5-Mar-18  
mil**

**FY2018 Available Funding for Snow/Ice Removal**

Fiscal Year 2018 DPW Budget	\$	1,000,000	
Reserve for Snow/Ice Removal in Comptroller's Budget	\$	3,000,000	
Original Set Aside from Free Cash	\$	2,500,000	
Incident Weather Reserve	\$	<u>939,987</u>	
<b>AVAILABLE FUNDS FOR FY2018 SNOW/ICE REMOVAL *</b>			<b>\$ 7,439,987</b>
<b><u>Appropriations to Date</u></b>			
DPW Operating Budget	\$	1,000,000	
Transfer to Parks & Rec for Fall Wind Storms	\$	109,200	
Transfer to DPW Snow/Ice Removal from Comptroller's Budget - 2/5/2018	\$	2,750,000	
Appropriated from Free Cash - 2/20/2018	\$	500,000	
Docket # 155-18 as amended			
Original Request	\$	500,000	
Amended Transfer to DPW	\$	1,000,000	
Amended Transfer to Parks & Rec	\$	<u>350,000</u>	
Docket # 155-18 as amended	\$	1,850,000	
<b>2018 FUNDING COMMITTED TO SNOW/ICE REMOVAL</b>			<b>\$ 6,209,200</b>
<b>REMAINING FUNDING AVAILABLE FOR SNOW/ICE REMOVAL</b>			<b>\$ 1,230,787</b>

\* Please note: Additional funding is available from Free Cash if necessary.

**Maureen Lemieux**

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**From:** Jack Cowell  
**Sent:** Monday, March 05, 2018 11:04 AM  
**To:** Maureen Lemieux  
**Cc:** Daniel Nabi; James Mcgonagle  
**Subject:** Snow Costs

Hi Maureen,

Here is a summary of our snow costs that we have realized to this point. This does not include any costs from this weekend's storms or other costs such as vehicle repairs that we have not been billed for yet.

There have been 21 Snow/Ice events with a total of 42.6 Inches. \$101,916.17 per inch.

	<b>Budgeted</b>	<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Balance</b>
<b>Total Personnel</b>	\$ 1,183,300.00	\$ 951,085.19	\$ 232,214.81
<b>Total Contractors</b>	\$ 2,582,037.65	\$ 2,108,932.41	\$ 473,105.24
<b>Salt</b>	\$ 258,030.00	\$ 825,317.69	\$ (567,287.69)
<b>Equipment</b>	\$ 244,923.85	\$ 456,293.38	\$ (211,369.53)
<b>Total</b>	\$ 4,268,291.50	\$ 4,341,628.67	\$ (73,337.17)

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