

## COUNCIL NOTICE OF MOTION

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Members of Common Council

**SUBJECT :** Timelines for paving roads after milling is completed

Primary Author	Input from Council	Input from Staff
Councillor Gerry Lowe		City Clerk Chief City Engineer

### PROPOSED MOTION:

That the CAO be directed to report back to Council with a draft policy that would require contractors to adhere to strict timelines for paving city streets, as part of the City's Annual Asphalt Resurfacing Programs, to be applied once the road milling process has been started on each street.

### BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Each year, the City issues tenders for the Asphalt Resurfacing Program through a competitive bidding process. These tenders are often for asphalt resurfacing projects where the contractor is responsible for completing the roadway milling, and as required, structure adjustments, underground infrastructure repairs, installation of curb and sidewalk, ditching and asphalt base repair, before the paving work begins.

The milling process leaves roads in an unfinished state, often causing uneven surfaces, hazardous conditions, and deteriorating road quality. These conditions can last for extended periods, sometimes weeks or even months, when there is not a clearly defined timeline in the individual contracts for the work, other than Substantial Completion contract timelines. I experienced this firsthand when I owned a taxi company and witnessed the damage done to the cars.

City staff have advised that there is a standard timeline provided in the City's General Specifications however there are no ramifications to the contractor unless the City takes the extraordinary step to hire another Contractor to complete the work at the Contractor's expense.

I propose that the City create a new policy requiring all future City contracts for roadwork to include explicit and enforceable timelines for the completion of paving work after the road milling is done.



This policy will help the City ensure that roads are not left in a compromised or dangerous state for extended periods of time. By setting a clear timeframe for paving after the milling process is completed, we can:

- **Improve public safety** by minimizing the amount of time roads are left in an incomplete state, reducing the likelihood of accidents or vehicle damage.
- **Enhance the quality of life** for residents and commuters by ensuring that roadwork is completed in a timely manner and minimizing disruptions.
- **Provide clear expectations** for contractors, giving them specific deadlines that help keep projects on track and allow for better planning and resource allocation.
- **Ensure transparency and accountability**, allowing residents to stay informed and feel confident that the city is prioritizing their safety and convenience.

I am requesting Council's support to refer this matter to the CAO to report back to Council with a draft policy requiring contractors to adhere to strict timelines between milling and paving for the Asphalt Resurfacing Program projects.

**STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT:** This aligns with the Council priority of PERFORM (We ensure the City is accountable for results in delivering public service by adhering to its plans, policies, procedures, and best practices)

**SERVICE AND FINANCIAL OUTCOMES:**

Possible faster timeframes for the completion of paving work, but potential for an increase in paving contractor prices due to the stricter timelines.

**INPUT FROM OTHERS:**

n/a

**ATTACHMENTS –**

n/a



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