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Downtown City Snow Operations





Part 3 – Downtown Snow Operations



Discussion Intent -

1. Understand the unique operation of downtown snow operations.
2. Discuss infrastructure limits and conditions during winter events.
3. Provide some thoughts for discussion and seek some comments and feedback from your observations or community contacts.

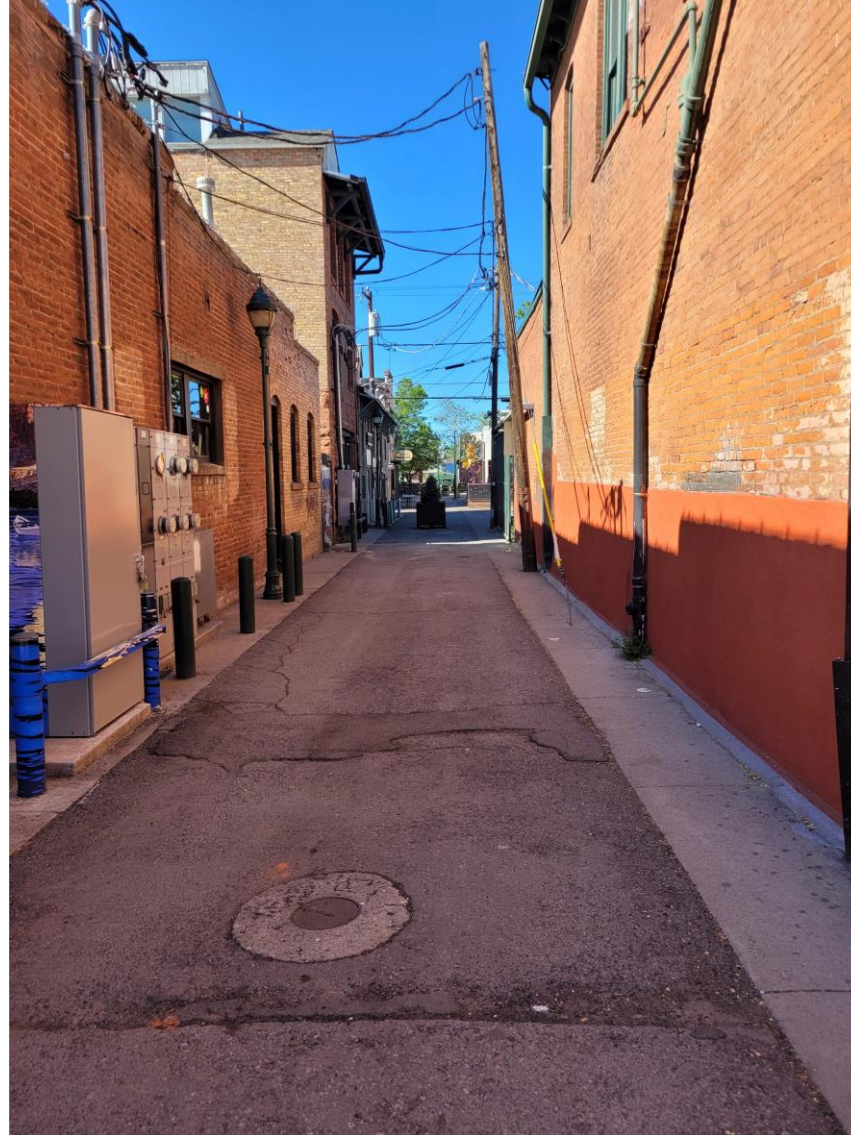


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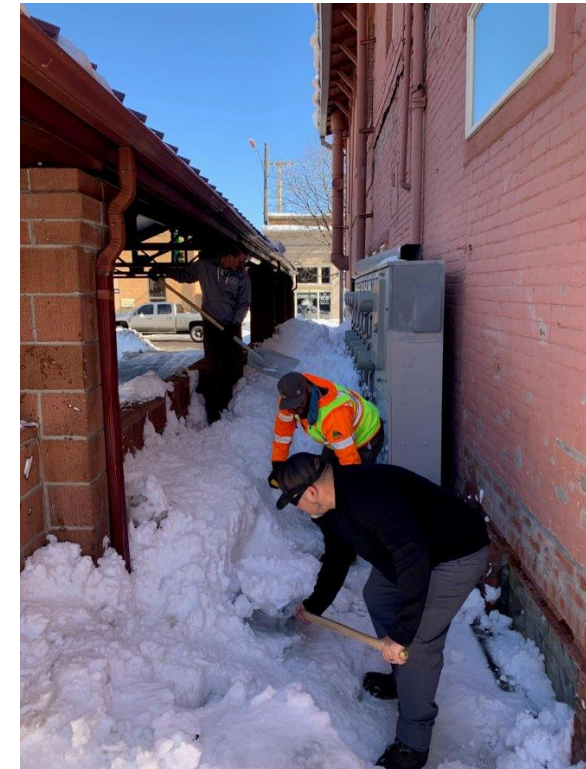
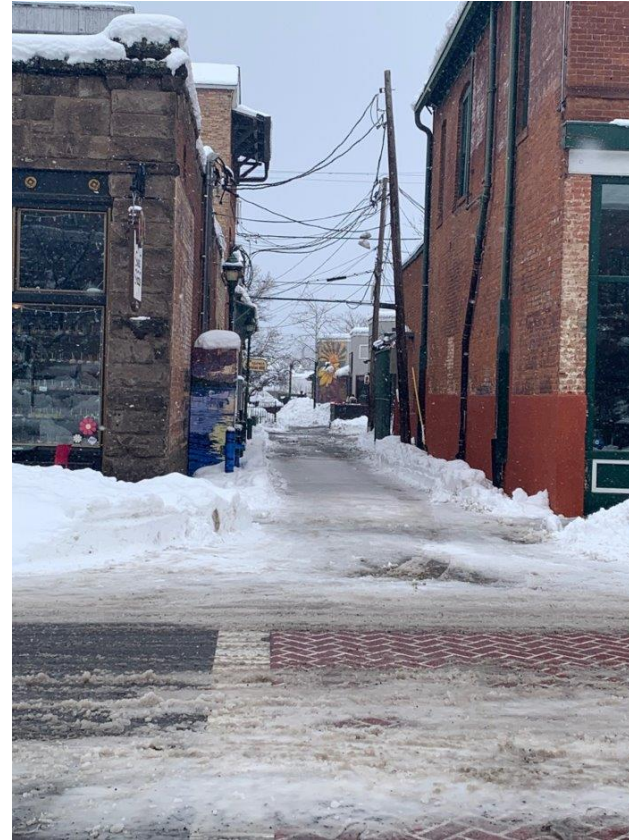


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Snow Operations

Streets and Parks each play a unique role and choreograph complex operations to support the best snow operations as possible in the downtown core.

- Streets Operations – Roadways, intersections and parking stalls
- Parks Operations – Alleys, city properties, benches and Heritage Square
- Both Sections – Removal and haul out Operations



Post Storm Snow Operations

Conditions are monitored for impacts:

- Snow Storage
- Travel lane and Parking Impacts
- Freeze/Thaw and Icing issues
- Traction control and cindering
- Post storm sweeping and cleanup



Impacts and Concerns

- Pedestrian movement limited
- Reduced parking availability
- Icy conditions and drainage
- Sweeping frequency and limitations
- Responsibility and understanding of common areas



Future Modifications to Service

Longer term –

- Drainage and Stormwater improvements
- Pedestrian corridors and covered walks
- Dedicated hand crews or smaller equipment for micro-operations
- Chemical de-icer study of alley use and recommendations



Future Modifications to Service

Mid term –

- Roof line gutter improvements and simple drainage
- Sweeper advancements and equipment for urban core
- Develop and Downtown specific operations plan and support with resources



Future Modifications to Service

Shorter term –

- Contracted services contract for alleys and removal
- Coordination with DBA and business owners for best practices
- Focused volunteer efforts for pedestrian infrastructure
- Improved communications and operations coordination timing as possible.
- Pre-season kick off cooperators meeting



Communication and Coordination

Snow operations and winter weather can be challenging. City staff will continue to improve and focus on best practices to provide the highest level of service.

Staffing, equipment dedication and training is an essential element. Community coordination is essential for best success and a timely response to winter storms.

Discussion

