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Subject: 13.14 Memorandum from Tracey Steele, Acting Commissioner of Community Services, dated September 14, 2022, regarding 2021-2022 Season Winter Maintenance - Follow-up and Clarification with respect to SRCS.22.11

Dear Council

I write with disappointment that this council is unable to provide the residents of Richmond Hill with an honest cost of what the windrow program cost the city in 2022.

It appears the council's intention is very clear and that is to make up the definition of costs as it pleases and to mislead the residents of Richmond Hill. How hard is it for the council to instruct the staff of the city to provide to residents of Richmond Hill on the TOTAL COST OF THE WINDROW PROGRAM for 2021 and 2022? Or how hard is it for the city to give the residents how those numbers were made up (at least at the top leave of the line items that make up the total) so that the residents have ideas if the makeup of the numbers make sense.

The report only provide more questions, instead of answers

SRCS.22.11, Table 2 Updated – Winter Transportation Network Maintenance Costs including Windrow Program Costs with Service Enhancements and Direct Windrow Program Costs

Asset Type	City Network Quantity	Regional Network Quantity	2021/2022 Season Total Operating Costs	2021/2022 Season Unit Operating Costs
Roads	1 100 lane km	None	\$4 668 000	\$4 200 per lane km
Sidewalks	600 km	118 km	\$1 663 000	\$2 300 per km
Windrows and other Service Enhancements (as indicated above)	44 000 driveways	17 driveways	\$1 532 000	\$35 per driveway (includes additional winter season services)
Windrow Program – Direct Costs Only	44 000 driveways	17 driveways	\$362,000 to \$492,000	\$8 - \$11 per driveway

The above chart brought several questions. What is the city definition of direct costs? Isn't the cost of equipment also a direct cost? What happens to the indirect costs? Where does the city hide these other costs?

Please stop playing games. If there are expenses paid previously, they are still costs spread over a period of time and must be included, on top of the other indirect costs not reported here per the staff report. Please do not make up definitions that suit the council needs so that council members can mislead residents of Richmond Hill on the true cost of the windrow program during the election campaign. Please define your definition so that we all understand what your numbers are made of.

Will the council give us residents the total cost of the windrow program?

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