

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

The Common Council of the City of Ashland will meet as the Committee of the Whole on September 10, 2019 immediately following the City Council meeting which begins at 5:30 PM in the Ashland City Hall Council Chambers.

The following items will be considered:

1. Roll Call
2. Council President's Report
3. Administrator's Report
4. Approval of Agenda
5. New Business
 - A. Presentation from Betsey Harries, Executive Director, Ashland Area Development Corporation
 - B. I & I Update *Public Works*
 - C. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Snow Removal Recommendations *Public Works*
 - D. Strategic Priorities Follow-Up *Councilor Ullman*
6. Adjournment

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SUBJECT: New Business

RECOMMENDATION:

DEPARTMENT OF ORIGIN:

CLEARANCES:

EXHIBITS:

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

SUBJECT: Presentation from Betsey Harries, Executive Director, Ashland Area Development Corporation

RECOMMENDATION:

DEPARTMENT OF ORIGIN: Administrator

CLEARANCES: Council President

EXHIBITS:

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

Betsey Harries will be present for discussion.

SUBJECT: I & I Update *Public Works*

RECOMMENDATION:

DEPARTMENT OF ORIGIN:

CLEARANCES: Council President

EXHIBITS:

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

Public Works Director John Butler will offer a memo and be present for discussion and questions.

SUBJECT: Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Snow Removal Recommendations *Public Works*

RECOMMENDATION:

DEPARTMENT OF ORIGIN: Public Works

CLEARANCES: Council President

EXHIBITS:

1. Snow Removal Areas, City of Ashland map
2. Snow Removal Summary 2018/2019

FINANCIAL IMPACT: Unknown

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

The Public Works Committee (PWC) assessed the topic of sidewalk snow removal, by City crews, in the July 11 and August 8 meetings. PWC members were provided information regarding current City responsibilities for sidewalk snow removal, snow removal costs from the 2018/2019 winter, and information from the MN DOH regarding snow removal practices there.

John Butler communicated that Public Works would require additional equipment and labor in order to provide additional snow removal while maintaining the current level of service and also explained the additional work would have to be prioritized amongst other snow removal duties.

The PWC made a motion to recommend that City crews not take on additional sidewalk snow removal responsibility and instead focus on enforcement of existing ordinances for property owner winter maintenance of sidewalks and engaging with the school district to see if additional resources could be allocated to support sidewalk snow removal by the school district along priority walking routes.

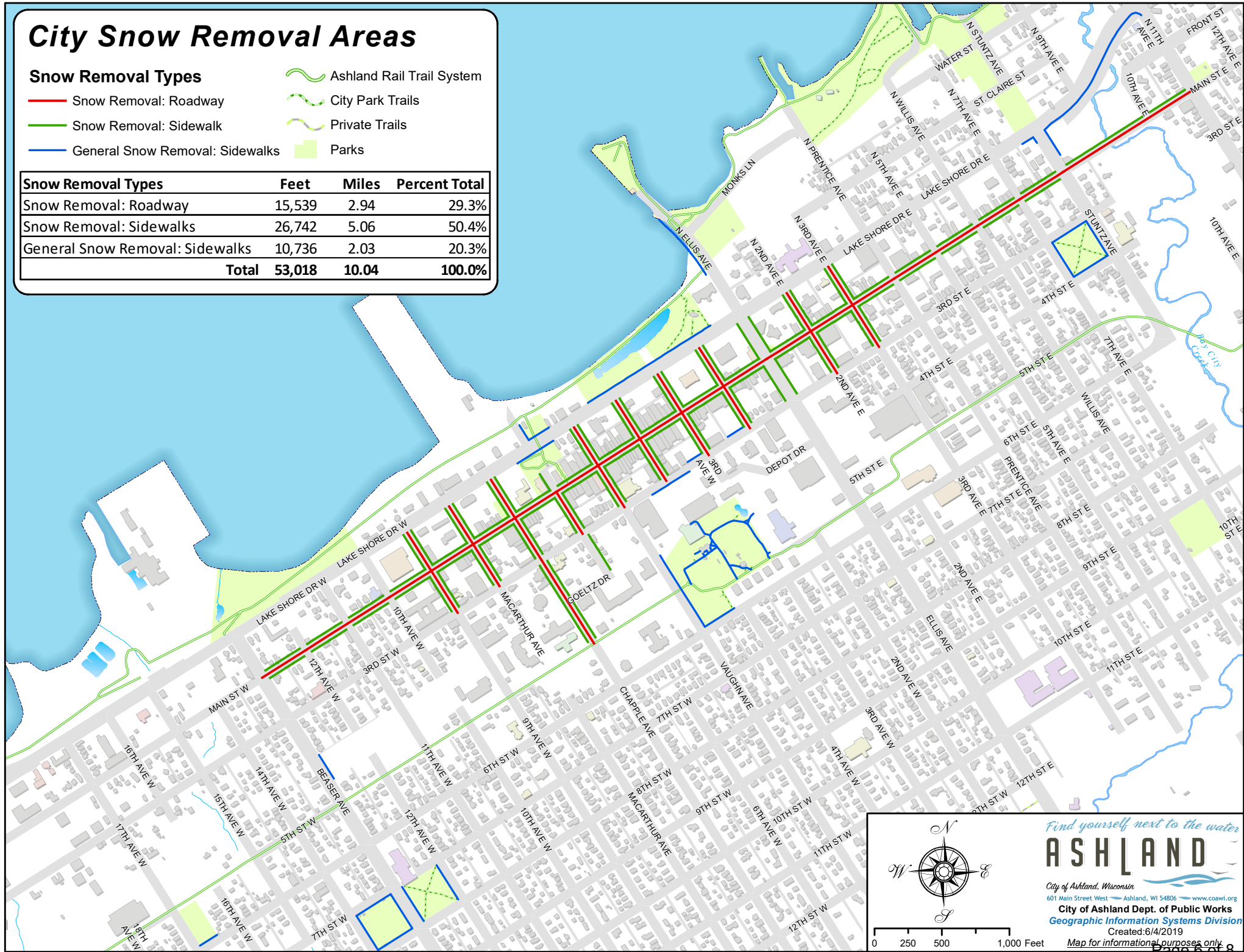
In addition, the Public Works and Fire Departments are currently engaged in providing flagging for priority fire hydrants before the winter season, as discussed at a previous COW meeting.

City Snow Removal Areas

Snow Removal Types

- Snow Removal: Roadway
- Snow Removal: Sidewalk
- General Snow Removal: Sidewalks
- Ashland Rail Trail System
- City Park Trails
- Private Trails
- Parks

Snow Removal Types	Feet	Miles	Percent Total
Snow Removal: Roadway	15,539	2.94	29.3%
Snow Removal: Sidewalks	26,742	5.06	50.4%
General Snow Removal: Sidewalks	10,736	2.03	20.3%
Total	53,018	10.04	100.0%



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Geographic Information Systems Division

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Map for informational purposes only

SNOW REMOVAL SUMMARY

		Wages Reg + OT	Hours
2018 Snow Removal		11,396.79	406.5
2019 Snow Removal		49,211.50	2063
		<u>\$ 60,608.28</u>	<u>2469.5</u>
47%	Fringe Benefits	\$ 60,608.28	
Total with Fringe Benefits		\$ 89,094.18	
\$79.05	Approximate Equip Costs(per hr)	\$ 195,213.98	
\$82.22	205.25	2018 Tons of Salt	\$16,875.66
\$79.86	<u>401.5</u>	2019 Tons of Salt	<u>\$32,063.79</u>
	606.75	\$ 48,939.45	
Grand Total		\$ 333,247.60	

SUBJECT: Strategic Priorities Follow-Up *Councilor Ullman*

RECOMMENDATION:

DEPARTMENT OF ORIGIN: Councilor Ullman

CLEARANCES: Council President

EXHIBITS:

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

At our last meeting we identified items on the strategic priorities list which may require additional followup discussion. At this meeting we will discuss and determine the next steps on completing the Source Water Protection Plan.

The city website contains somewhat outdated information but does provide some additional background and context: <https://www.coawi.org/269/Source-Water-Protection-Committee>

“The 1996 amendments to the Safe Drinking Water Act require that States complete source water assessments for all public drinking water systems. The source water assessment for the City of Ashland Water Utility, published in 2003, recommended the protection begin with the formation of a team composed of local, regional, and state members to more completely assess impacts to source water, and implement best management practices to prevent source water contamination.”

Some areas studied are runoff from urban areas and construction sites, livestock related activities, and cropland runoff.

STRATEGY

The City Administrator, Public Works Director, and Utility Superintendent have met to develop a strategy on how best to move forward with the creation of a Source Water Protection Committee. It was agreed that it would be best to meet with Wisconsin Rural Water Association to discuss the next step to move forward with the development of a plan.