



# **Operations Winter Updates To Council**

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## Agenda

- Review of 2020 Winter Pathway Pilot Project
- “Your Voice Markham” resident survey results
- Pathway program recommendations for 2021/2022 season
- Proposed City operated outdoor skating surfaces
- 2021 Winter Maintenance results
- Questions



## 2020 Park Pathway Pilot Project

- Park Pathway Pilot included winter maintenance of 1 paved park pathway per ward and one granular pathway at Milne Dam Park
- Utilizing Your Voice Markham, 385 residents recorded their votes providing good representative feedback of preferences
- Staff observations and resident feedback suggests that the pilot project was successful on asphalt surfaces but was not successful on the granular pathway at Milne Dam.



## 2020 Park Pathway Pilot Project cont'd

- 62% of all respondents reported using the pathways
- 80% of users reported doing so for recreational purposes
- 55% of users reported using the pathways daily or weekly
- 46% of respondents disagreed while 39% agreed that the parks pathways should be maintained at a lower level of service than sidewalks
- 50% of respondents said that they would not pay extra for this service with 36% saying they would pay \$1-\$15 more



## 2021 Park Pathway Program Recommendations

- Increase winter maintenance from 8 park pathways to 95 park pathways Citywide
- The estimated cost of \$121,711.29 to be funded from within the existing Operations winter maintenance operating budget
- Set winter service level of park pathways to occur within 48-72 hours after the end of a weather event

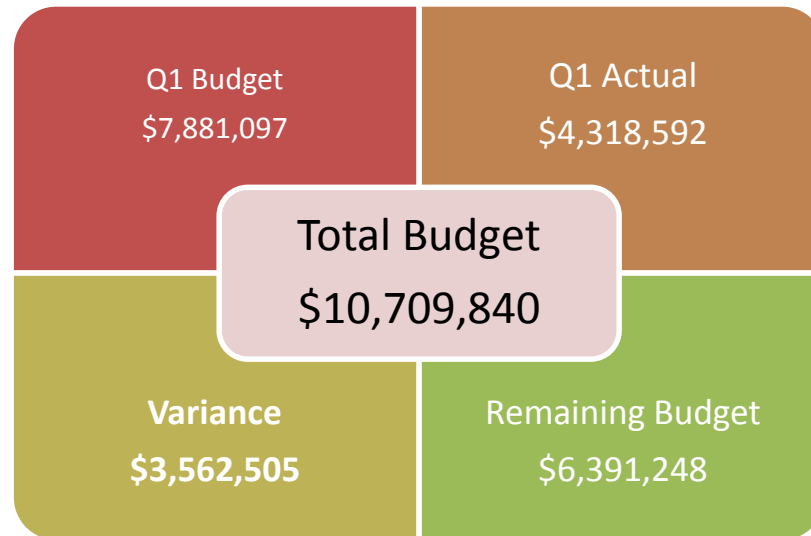


## Recommended City Operated Skating Surfaces

- Propose 4 locations – (Markham Museum, Milne Dam Park, Victoria Square Park, and Huntington Park) to address safe outdoor public skating for the 2021-2022 winter season
- All locations have parking lots, available water, suitable ground conditions and do not directly compete with existing volunteer run programs
- First year start up of \$27,624.00 for infrastructure and materials; the yearly operating cost is estimated to be \$5,500.00



## 2021 Winter Maintenance





# Questions