

## **LATE RESOLUTION**

### **NEED FOR IMPROVED SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL SERVICES IN RURAL AREAS**

Columbia Shuswap Regional District

WHEREAS there are increased issues in terms of timeliness and quality of snow and ice removal in rural areas, particularly during the past 2017/2018 winter snow season;

AND WHEREAS the deteriorating level of winter maintenance in rural areas is creating a public safety issue in regards to emergency response vehicles (fire, police, ambulance) having the ability to access streets and roadways in the event of emergency, and affecting school bus routes, leading to unsafe situations for drivers, passengers and pedestrians;

THEREFORE BE IT resolved that the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure be requested to immediately undertake a review of their contractor obligations, and agreement specifications for snow and ice control in the rural areas, including a review of minimum equipment standards and staffing requirements.