

Memorandum

To: Mayor and Council
From: Tom Baker, Town Administrator
Date: February 2, 2016
Re: Discussion: Snow Buildup in CVR

Purpose: The purpose of this item is to discuss concerns regarding the snow buildup on the streets in CVR.

Background and Discussion: Last week I met with Brad Gates, HOA President. We took a tour of CVR, especially the area around Ginseng, Buckthorn and Alder. Mr. Gates thought it would be appropriate for Council to allocate additional snow removal funds this winter so that PW could hire a contractor to truck snow out of significantly impacted areas. His point is that our snow plow crews have nowhere to put the snow and some streets are now limited to one travel lane.

I contacted John Wenzel and asked for an estimate of cost to truck snow. He provided a rough estimate:

- \$110/hr. for dump truck
- \$150/hr. for loader
- \$5k to \$10k to prepare a snow dump site – gravel road and erosion control.

I also contacted the Talbott family and the Kuersten family to ask if they would allow the town to dump snow on their properties (both properties are in the same location). Both property owners indicated that the town could use their respective land.

John and I then talked about the scope and cost of snow removal. For example, if you had 4-dump trucks and 2-loaders working 8 hours/day for 6 days the cost would be upwards of \$35,520 for equipment and operators and an additional \$5k-\$10k for site preparations for a total of over \$40,000 - \$45,000. This does not include cost of property use or clean-up.

This is a considerable expense and John estimates that 6 days of work with the equipment described will not remove all the snow piles in CVR nor does it address other parts of town.

There is no question that this winter's snowfall has been early and frequent creating a difficult time for residents and snow plowing crews. The questions that we see are:

- Should we haul snow from some street?
- If yes, how much funding should be provided?
 - Which streets?
 - Which snow dump site?

Staff's experience is that within 2 or 3 weeks the problem will be greatly reduced by melting, see attached 15 day weather forecast, and spending \$40,000-\$50,000 may not be prudent given other town priorities.

CVR HOA and Mr. Gates have been and continue to be good partners with the Town – funding tree purchases and dog stations, landscaping entries to CVR, and perhaps partnering with the Town to build

new recreation amenities in 2016. Our relationship with Mr. Gates and CVR HOA is important to staff and we want to find a way to address the HOA concerns. To that end, we have scheduled a meeting with Mr. Gates for Friday January 28th to continue looking for solutions. We will report the results of that meeting at Council's meeting on February 2nd.



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New Castle, CO (81647) Weather

8:25 am MST

10 Day Forecast

DAY	HIGH/LOW	DESCRIPTION	PRECIP	WIND	HUMIDITY
TODAY Feb 29	43° ^F / 30°	Partly Cloudy	/ 20%	S 4 mph	61%
SAT Jan 30	41° ^F / 45°	Wintery Mix	/ 80%	SW 9 mph	71%
SUN Jan 31	35° ^F / 19°	Partly Cloudy	/ 20%	WNW 4 mph	77%
MON Feb 1	32° ^F / 14°	Snow	/ 80% 1-3 in	NNW 9 mph	73%
TUE Feb 2	26° ^F / 4°	AM Snow Showers	/ 40%	WSW 6 mph	69%
WED Feb 3	26° ^F / 3°	Cloudy	/ 20%	WSW 6 mph	64%
THU Feb 4	33° ^F / 10°	Mostly Sunny	/ 20%	SSW 4 mph	54%
FRI Feb 5	38° ^F / 12°	Partly Cloudy	/ 20%	SW 4 mph	58%

SAT Feb 6	38° / 12°	 Mostly Sunny	0%	SSW 4 mph	68%
SUN Feb 7	38° / 14°	 Partly Cloudy	20%	SW 4 mph	69%
MON Feb 8	39° / 12°	 PM Rain/Snow	30%	N 5 mph	69%
TUE Feb 9	39° / 11°	 Partly Cloudy	10%	N 4 mph	61%
WED Feb 10	40° / 15°	 Partly Cloudy	20%	W 4 mph	59%
THU Feb 11	41° / 14°	 Partly Cloudy	20%	SSW 5 mph	63%
FRI Feb 12	40° / 16°	 Mostly Sunny	20%	SSW 4 mph	70%

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