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ALTA VISTA—CANTERBURY—RIVERVIEW

Snow Go and Snow Go Assist Pilot Program



Winter is just around the corner and the City of Ottawa is once again running the Snow Go and Snow Go Assist programs to help seniors and people with disabilities secure reliable and affordable services for clearing snow and ice from private driveways and walkways.

Both programs, now in their second year, are funded by the City of Ottawa and are co-ordinated by the Senior Citizens Council (SCC) in co-operation with 11 community support agencies throughout Ottawa.

The participating community support agency for the Alta Vista area is the South East Ottawa Centre for a Healthy Community. To be matched with a snow removal provider or to apply for Snow Go Assist Pilot Program funding contact the South East Ottawa Centre for a Healthy Community directly at 613-737-5115 ext. 2418 or via email at cathier@seoche.on.ca.

Snow Go Assist Pilot Program

The Snow Go Assist Pilot Program offers financial assistance to eligible, low-income seniors and people with disabilities to pay for a portion of their snow and ice removal costs. Approved participants may be reimbursed for up to 50 per cent of the cost of snow and ice clearing per event, up to a seasonal maximum of \$250.

Participants must provide proof of active enrolment in one or more of the following programs :

- a. GIS (Guaranteed Income Supplement)
- b. ODSP (Ontario Disability Support Program)
- c. Canada Pension Plan Disability Benefit
- d. Ontario Works plus proof of disability and/or senior (60 year or older)
- e. Essential Health and Social Supports plus proof of disability and/or senior (60 year or older)
- f. Home Help plus proof of disability and/or senior (60 year or older)
- g. Special Circumstances may be considered

All applicants must sign a disclaimer that states that there is no person(s) physically able to perform snow and ice removal work sharing the residence with the applicant.

Snow Go Program

The Snow Go Program matches seniors and people with disabilities with contractors and/or individuals who will perform the service of clearing snow and ice from their private driveways and walkways.

Snow Go Program snow removal workers have been screened by the Ottawa Police through a police record check, and a review of the service fee is performed to ensure an appropriate cost range is charged to the client.

Once matched up with snow removal help, residents are responsible for making payments directly to the individual or contractor.



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