



## Snow dump



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This year's city budget included \$10,000 to deal with the snow dump in the spring. However, the Council was evenly split when it came to spending the money. The Mayor cast the deciding vote and the snow dump was leveled. Continued political pressure is therefore essential. As a result the following was submitted to both local newspapers and e-mailed to every city counselor and the Mayor.

*For three days, a tractor costing \$124.95 per hour virtually eliminated the snow dump on Marc Chagall for a total cost of approximately \$3000. This is an insignificant cost compared to the city's snow removal budget of \$1.5-\$2 million. The cost of removing the snow dump in the spring should be included in the city's snow removal budget. Furthermore, the revenue the city receives from surrounding municipalities who use our snow dump is surely far greater than the current cost of dealing with the snow dump in the spring. I applaud the support of Councillors **Mike Cohen, Allan J. Levine, Sam Goldbloom, Mitchell Brownstein and Mayor Anthony Housefather** who supported the removal of the snow dump. However, I am appalled at Councillors **Dida Berku, Steven Erdelyi, Glenn J. Nashen, and Ruth Kovac** who opposed the motion. Apparently they felt the cost was unwarranted as only a few citizens are affected. Councillor Glenn J. Nashen wrote in his blog that "It is an unnecessary expense of \$10,000 to try to melt snow fast to benefit very few people". This is unacceptable as the ugly snow dump persists until the fall. The city has a responsibility to deal with the ugly mountain that is gathered from the entire city and adjoining municipalities and dumped on our doorstep.*