



## City of Hamilton

# GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE REVISED

**Meeting #:** 20-002(h)  
**Date:** February 10, 2020  
**Time:** 3:00 p.m.  
**Location:** Council Chambers, Hamilton City Hall  
71 Main Street West

Stephanie Paparella, Legislative Coordinator (905) 546-2424 ext. 3993

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	Speaking to council on behalf of Moms in the city who are negatively impacted by the lack of snow removal that happens on major pedestrian sidewalks in Hamilton after a heavy snow fall. I have a large community of moms who have expressed frustrations and experienced injury due to residential and commercial properties not following current snow removal by law. We believe more has to be done by the city to ensure snow is removed in a timely manner in the best interest of all citizens.	
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**From:** kevin macdonald  
**Sent:** February 2, 2020 7:53 PM  
**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)  
**Subject:** Re: Snow removal

As a mobility challenged individual in this city, I've been appalled for decades at the attitude of so many Hamiltonians toward clearing their sidewalks and ramps.

I can point out several hundred (this is not a misprint) private homes on the east mountain alone that have NEVER cleared their sidewalks in DECADES.

Those of us with wheelchairs, mobility scooters, canes and walkers (not to mention small children /strollers) are expected to wait for mother nature to take care of snow and ice removal.

I myself, not counting numerous appointments every month for several things, have to make it to the hospital for hemodialysis 3 times every week. These selfish scoff laws need to be made to understand we AL don't live with a bus stop in front of our homes. That clearing a path the width of a shovel is just a cruel joke to someone chair or walker is more than 18 or 20 inches wide.

I myself have confronted dozens of these people, usually while I'm stuck in front of their houses with my wheelchair. The usual response is shrugged shoulders while they turn and walk back into their warm homes. Once in a Blue moon one will offer to give you a push, which is little help when most times you'll just be stuck again 2 doors down.

Time and time again. I find myself risking my life venturing onto Mohawk road, or Fennell Avenue, or upper Ottawa Street because half a dozen or more sidewalks in a row have not been cleared. And this is usually anywhere from 4 or 5 days Plus after a snowfall.

It seems the general attitude is "I don't need to walk on it, why should I worry about it?".

Of course, if you take the trouble to report these properties to bylaw enforcement....odds are it melts enough in 3-5 days that there's nothing for them to do.

Well there, my daily rant has come to an end. Pointless as usual because the people I'm addressing could care less.

Yours, Kevin A MacDonald.  
Double amputee.  
Wheelchair rider,  
Disgusted citizen.

## 5.1

### **Form: Request to Speak to Committee of Council**

Submitted on Wednesday, January 22, 2020 - 12:17pm

==Committee Requested==

**Committee:** General Issues Committee

==Requestor Information==

**Name of Individual:** Ryan Tse - AVP Municipal Affairs

**Name of Organization:** McMaster Students Union (MSU)

**Contact Number:** 905-525-9140 ext. 24017

**Email Address:** [avpmunicipal@msu.mcmaster.ca](mailto:avpmunicipal@msu.mcmaster.ca)

**Mailing Address:**

McMaster Students Union

McMaster University

1280 Main St. W., MUSC room #201

Hamilton, ON

L8S 4S4

**Reason(s) for delegation request:** The MSU would like to delegate to GIC on February 10, as part of the public consultation process for the upcoming budget.

**Will you be requesting funds from the City?** No

**Will you be submitting a formal presentation?** Yes



# Municipal Budget Submission Delegation

***RYAN TSE***

McMaster Students Union Associate Vice President (Municipal Affairs)

# Budget Submission Priorities

***TRANSIT***

***EMPLOYMENT***

***SUSTAINABILITY***

***ACCESSIBILITY***

***BYLAWS***



# Budget Submission Priorities

## **1. TRANSIT**

- Elimination of area rating
- Year-round 51-University service

## **2. EMPLOYMENT**

- Urban Fellows Program

## **3. SUSTAINABILITY**

- Bi-weekly waste collection

## **4. ACCESSIBILITY**

- City-wide sidewalk snow removal

## **5. BYLAWS**

- Elimination of Ward 1 environment by-law enforcer officer program

# Employment

*Recommendation: invest in*

## ***URBAN FELLOWS PROGRAM***

### **Rationale**

Creating a smooth succession plan and improve the long-term economic outlook of the city (Report HUR18015(a) from GIC Sept. 19 2018).

### **Comparable Programs**

Ontario Internship Program, Toronto Urban Fellows Program, New York Urban Fellows Program

# Transit

*Recommendation: allocate funding for*

## ***TRANSIT IMPROVEMENTS***

*in Ward 1, including increased 5A/5C/51 service*

### **Rationale**

Many students live and go to school in Hamilton over the summer.

- Available transit attracts and integrates students
- Hamilton doesn't shut down in the summer—why does transit?

# Accessibility

*Recommendation: explore options to ensure more*

***ACCESSIBLE & SAFE SIDEWALKS***

## **Rationale**

Current snow clearance system is inequitable and results in dangerous, inaccessible conditions.

- Pilot project: target heavily-used sidewalks
- What is the cost of not clearing sidewalks?

# #SnowandTell Campaign





*Example of inaccessible bus stops due to snow*



***THANK YOU,***

for your consideration of investing in transit, talent retention,  
and accessibility in Hamilton.

## 5.2

**Form: Request to Speak to Committee of Council**

Submitted on Wednesday, January 22, 2020 - 12:22pm

==Committee Requested==

**Committee:** General Issues Committee

==Requestor Information==

**Name of Individual:** Gabriella Christopher**Name of Organization:** n/a (just a passionate student)**Contact Number:****Email Address:****Mailing Address:**

**Reason(s) for delegation request:** Increase funding and support of cycling related initiatives and developments in Hamilton. Making cycling accessible for all ages and abilities must be a bigger priority for the city. Increasing both the number of bike lanes and the level of protection of many existing bike lanes are key components of the city's cyclability.

**Will you be requesting funds from the City?** No**Will you be submitting a formal presentation?** Yes





# Hamilton's Minimum Grid

Prioritizing cycle safety and accessibility  
Gabriella Christopher



# Why a Minimum Grid?

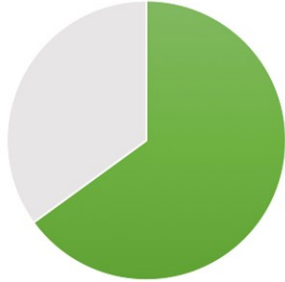
INTEREST

41%



of Ontarians would like to **cycle more** than they currently do<sup>1</sup>

65%



of Ontarians report they would **cycle more** if there was better cycling infrastructure<sup>1</sup>

CYCLING BENEFITS

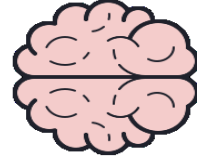


**0.25kg** of CO<sub>2</sub> emission are avoided per

**1km**



frequent cycling reduces the risk of **heart disease**<sup>3</sup>



and is associated with improved **mental health**<sup>4</sup>

support **local business**



cyclists spend less per trip but make **more trips**<sup>5</sup>

HAMILTON



Hamilton has declared a **Climate Emergency**

> **1/3**



< **5km** conveniently **cyclable**<sup>6</sup>

of trips in the GTHA are





## Community Engagement and Participation

Cycling increases interaction with one's surroundings compared to driving



## Healthy and Safe Communities

Infrastructure increases perceived and physical safety while contributing to better health outcomes



## Our People and Performance

By supporting the city's vision and vision zero cycling investments build citizen trust



## Clean and Green

As a form of active transportation cycling reduces emission causing vehicle usage

## Economic Prosperity and Growth

Cycling is an affordable form of transportation that can provide opportunities for those facing transportation insecurity. Cycling infrastructure can also supports local businesses



## Built Environment and Infrastructure

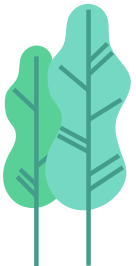
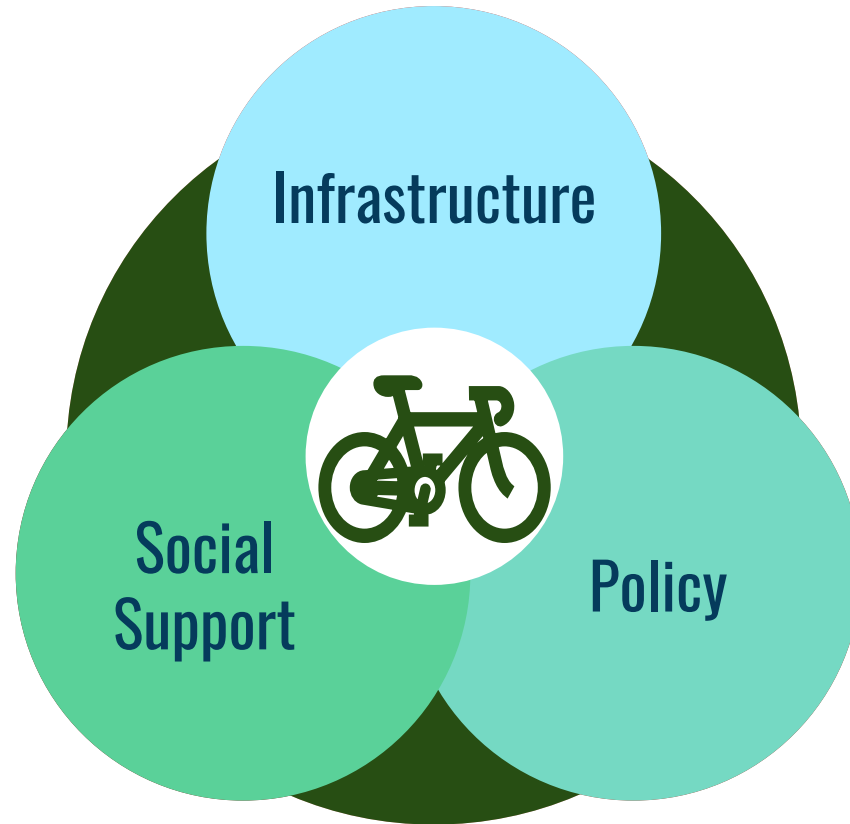
Cycling investments contribute to environments that support active transportation and outdoor recreation



## Cultural Diversity

An all ages and abilities cycling network will help bring different people together





# 1. Infrastructure



Increase Protection



Sterling St bike lane  
(by author 2019)



Bay St Cycle Track  
(by author, 2019)



Nacto guidelines in Vancouver Transportation Planning (2019)<sup>9</sup>

## 2. Policy



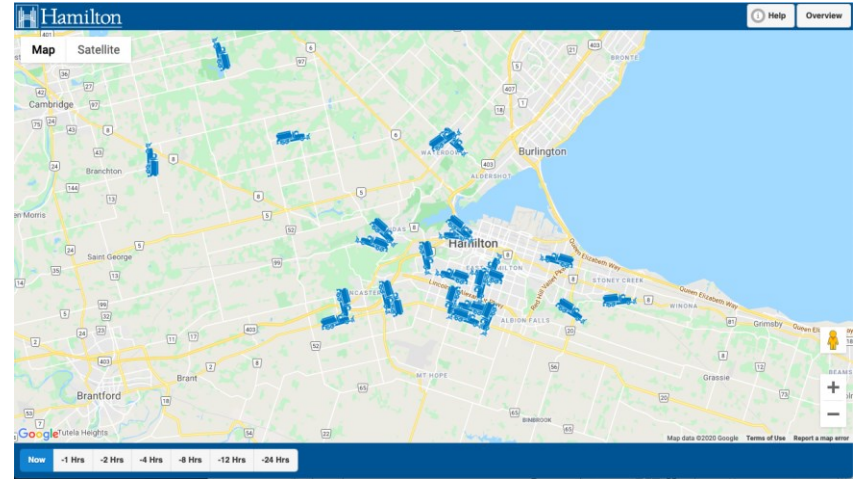
### Snow Clearing



Snow on Dundurn St Bike Lane  
(Randy Kay, Jan 2020)



Snow on \_\_\_ Bike Lane  
(Randy Kay, Nov 2019)



Hamilton Plow Tracker (Open Data, Hamilton)

### 3. Innovative Social Support



Local Partnerships





Thank you



## 5.3

**Form: Request to Speak to Committee of Council**

Submitted on Wednesday, January 22, 2020 - 3:27pm

==Committee Requested==

**Committee:** Emergency and Community Services Committee  
(Previously Healthy & Safe Communities)

==Requestor Information==

**Name of Individual:** Jennifer Vermeer

**Name of Organization:** S.V.N stop violence now

**Contact Number:**

**Email Address:**

**Mailing Address:**

**Reason(s) for delegation request:** Post concerns about the need for more funding to police services board in order to hire more police liaison officers to help assist with rising school violence in Hamilton. I need only 5-10 minutes to speak and address the concerns and stories of school violence from many parents which will demonstrate the need for this additional policing

**Will you be requesting funds from the City? Yes**

**Will you be submitting a formal presentation? Yes**

## 5.4

### **Form: Request to Speak to Committee of Council**

Submitted on Thursday, January 23, 2020 - 11:09 am

==Committee Requested==

**Committee:** General Issues Committee

==Requestor Information==

**Name of Individual:** Nicole Smith

**Name of Organization:** Kumon Hamilton West End

**Contact Number:** 9055726284

**Email Address:** [hamiltonwestend\\_on@ikumon.com](mailto:hamiltonwestend_on@ikumon.com)

**Mailing Address:**

318 Dundurn St S.

Unit 6

**Reason(s) for delegation request:** Speak to the need for all budget items and council decisions to be considered through a Climate Emergency lens. This request is for Public Delegations Day on February 10

**Will you be requesting funds from the City?** No

**Will you be submitting a formal presentation?** Yes

## 5.5

### **Form: Request to Speak to Committee of Council**

Submitted on Monday, January 27, 2020 - 8:40 am

==Committee Requested==

**Committee:** General Issues Committee

==Requestor Information==

**Name of Individual:** Karl Andrus

**Name of Organization:**

**Contact Number:**

**Email Address:**

**Mailing Address:**

**Reason(s) for delegation request:** To speak to item - 7.1  
Sidewalk Snow Removal (PW19022(a)) (City Wide)

**Will you be requesting funds from the City?** No

**Will you be submitting a formal presentation?** Yes



## 5.6

**Form: Request to Speak to Committee of Council**

Submitted on Monday, January 27, 2020 - 10:48am

==Committee Requested==

**Committee:** General Issues Committee

==Requestor Information==

**Name of Individual:** Sarah Jama

**Name of Organization:** Disability Justice Network of Ontario

**Contact Number:** 2896800178

**Email Address:** [sarah@djno.ca](mailto:sarah@djno.ca)

**Mailing Address:**

15 Ray Street North

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**Reason(s) for delegation request:** Snow Removal

**Will you be requesting funds from the City?** No

**Will you be submitting a formal presentation?** No

## 5.7

### **Form: Request to Speak to Committee of Council**

Submitted on Monday, January 27, 2020 - 12:08pm

==Committee Requested==

**Committee:** General Issues Committee

==Requestor Information==

**Name of Individual:** Tajseem Hussain

**Name of Organization:** Hamilton Centre for Civic Inclusion

**Contact Number:** 9052974694202

**Email Address:** [thussaain@hcci.ca](mailto:thussaain@hcci.ca)

**Mailing Address:** 423 King Street East

**Reason(s) for delegation request:** Speaking on Snow Removal

**Will you be requesting funds from the City?** No

**Will you be submitting a formal presentation?** No

5.9

**Form: Request to Speak to Committee of Council**

Submitted on Tuesday, January 28, 2020 - 11:08 pm

==Committee Requested==

**Committee:** General Issues Committee

==Requestor Information==

**Name of Individual:** Stewart Klazinga

**Name of Organization:**

**Contact Number:**

**Email Address:**

**Mailing Address:**

**Reason(s) for delegation request:** To present council with real-life examples of the hardships & negative experiences that inadequately cleared sidewalks present to Hamiltonians.

**Will you be requesting funds from the City?** No

**Will you be submitting a formal presentation?** Yes





The Bearded 'AGUA' Giant  
@StewKlazinga

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Main and Emerald

Chair was stalling with even this little amount of snow.  
Vehicles still moving with no issue.

Why should [#HamOnt](#) clear roads before sidewalks?  
Why shouldn't they be responsible for clearing \*all\*  
sidewalks in the city?

[#AODAFail](#) [#SnowAndTell](#) [#CarCulture](#)

3:44 PM · Nov 11, 2019 · [Twitter for iPhone](#)



**whatkaileysaid**  
@whatkaileysaid

Replying to [@CharlotteProng](#)

First week of March last year I slipped on an icy sidewalk and knocked myself out. Now I have post-concussion syndrome with possibly lifelong cognitive problems. I am terrified to walk this winter.

7:43 PM · Nov 16, 2019 · [Twitter for iPhone](#)

**“Snow clearing is an accessibility issue, it can lead to public health problems. I am living with the consequences of pedestrians being second class citizens next to people who drive cars.”**

**LIVES IN TORONTO – PARENTS LIVE IN DUNDAS**



Jessica B-D  
@MsMelcochita

The sidewalk was nice and clear but the edges were covered in ice. How do you get onto the sidewalk with a stroller or mobility device? Walking over it was slippery.

[#snowandtell](#) [#hamont](#)

12:36 AM · Jan 21, 2020 · [Twitter Web App](#)


“I use that sidewalk often, taking my child to daycare and going to work. Clearing sidewalks is a necessity and safety issue for all communities.”



**JACKSON STREET SIDEWALK – CITY HALL PARKING LOT  
IN FRONT OF WHITEHERN**



Teresa   
@frontline\_RN

I am POD14 after TKA. Yesterday was 48h after a snowfall & I had a physio appointment. I was appalled at how poor snow removal was in parking lots & sidewalks. Ambulating with my walker was dangerous, with the  risk of falling. It was impossible if I had needed to take the bus

8:59 AM · Nov 14, 2019 from [Hamilton, Ontario](#) · [Twitter for Android](#)


\*POD14 = Post Operative Day 14

\*TKA = Total Knee Replacement

**“I’m 50 years old, normally my mobility is unrestricted. The experience of seeing this issue from the perspective of a patient with a walker was frustrating. I take for granted climbing over snow mounds along sidewalks and at street corners, or walking over un-cleared sidewalks and parking lots. That day I was fearful of slipping and falling, and I can assure you that maneuvering a walker through the snow isn't easy!”**



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**“I’m a registered nurse at Hamilton General with 30 years of experience. I specialize in orthopedics and rehabilitation. Working in a hospital, preventing slips and falls is a priority. I ensure my patients can mobilize safely, on a dry floor, free of obstacles. By not clearing sidewalks the city fails to ensure this same safety for pedestrians.”**



**EJ Pratt**  
@EJPratt40



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Replying to [@StewKlazinga](#)

I, as a homeowner who recently fell on ice on City property, and am on crutches and in a cast for 3 months, would happily pay \$30 a year considering what I've put out, out of pocket in expenses for this injury.

9:53 AM · Jan 24, 2020 · [Twitter for iPhone](#)

**"So far, after breaking 3 bones in my ankle, I've been in a cast for 2 months. A couple more weeks in an aircast and on crutches. Several months of physio. I'm very lucky that I have very good benefits through work, and thank goodness I live in Canada!"**

**STRATHCONA NEIGHBOURHOOD**



Mel issa.

@emkayontario

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Replying to @StewKlazinga

Tuesday, we were inside, heard a man yelling for help. Our neighbour, who was walking his 3 little dogs, had fallen on the snow & ice that wasn't shoveled. He ended up w/a minor concussion, a sore back, but was ok overall. I took his dogs home. My wife brought him a blanket.

10:33 AM · Jan 23, 2020 · [Twitter Web App](#)

**“I live near Juravinski, which is a high traffic area full of people going to the hospital. Our road is always full of parked cars throughout the day. Makes visibility horrible when pulling out of my driveway, even on a good day.”**



**Sophie Geffros** 🍞 📈  
@sgeffros

So it BARELY snowed yesterday but the un-shovelled sidewalk in front of my apartment turned to ice, rendering it impassable. I was half an hour late this morning because I literally couldn't get to the bus stop that's a few metres from my front door without assistance.

12:03 PM · Feb 7, 2020 · [Twitter for iPhone](#)



**Sophie Geffros** 🍞 📈  
@sgeffros

Here's the thing — it is objectively my landlords job to clear the sidewalk, and I have messaged him about it! But if you're able bodied and your landlord sucks at snow clearance, you don't miss work or life because of it. I do.

12:05 PM · Feb 7, 2020 · [Twitter for iPhone](#)

## **AINSLIE WOOD NEIGHBOURHOOD**





**Ashton Forrest**  
@justmejustash



Stuck at a curb cut with my scooter. Luckily a stranger came by and helped push me out and reorient me.  
[@GerryLaHay](#) I hope your presentation opens [#ldnont](#) to the importance of adequate snow removal  
[#SnowAndTell](#) [#Accessibility](#) Description: Mobility scooter stuck in snow at curb



12:49 PM · Jan 23, 2020 · [Twitter Web App](#)



**Ashton Forrest**  
@justmejustash



Dear plowing companies, please don't dump snow on sidewalks when clearing a parking lot. Not everyone drives and some of us need a barrier free path. [#ldnont](#) [#SnowAndTell](#) [#AODAFail](#) [#Accessibility](#) Description: a mound of snow from an adjacent parking lot covering public sidewalk

3:06 PM · Jan 23, 2020 · [Twitter Web App](#)





JDavey  
@jdavey\_2



Nearly a week after the snowfall there are sidewalks surrounding Bayfront Park still inaccessible. But the half dozen motorists that use the park's parking lot, this time of year, has any one of the 200+ spaces to choose from.

Priorities, [@cityofhamilton](#).

9:23 AM · Jan 24, 2020 · [Twitter for Android](#)





**The Bearded 'AGUA' Giant**  
@StewKlazinga

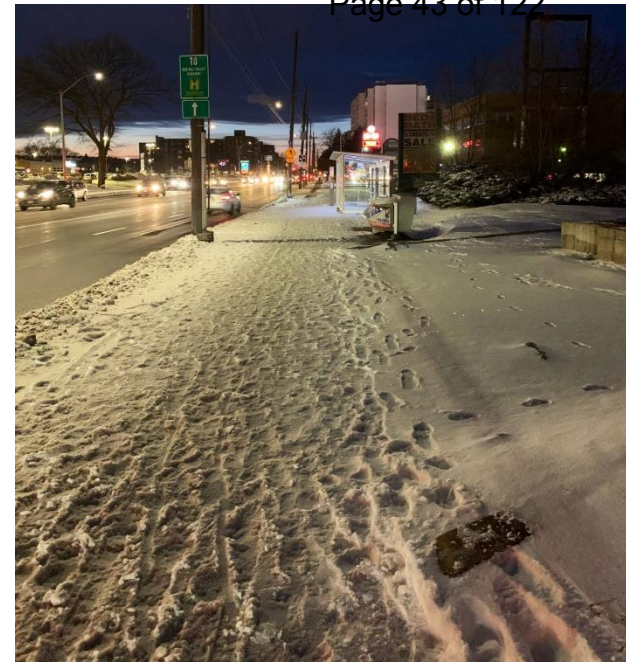


The very busy corner at Queenston & Nash in Ward 5. Because it's a proud & honoured [#HamOntDirtFarms](#) no one clears it & no one enforces the bylaw, not even at the very busy bus stops.

This is why we need city wide snow removal.

[#SnowAndTell](#) [#HamOnt](#) cc [@Chad\\_Collins5](#)  
[@djnontario](#)

6:23 PM · Feb 7, 2020 · [Twitter for iPhone](#)





Chris Ritsma

@ritsman95



Fines are well and good (though [#hamont](#) doesn't seem to find), except they mean vacant properties don't shovelled. I'd rather pay like \$0.70/year for no snow and ice on the sidewalks. I slip, trip and have fallen, and I'm able-bodied.



8:16 PM · Jan 19, 2020 · [Twitter for Android](#)

**BEASLEY NEIGHBOURHOOD — JOHN & ROBERT**



The Bearded 'AGUA' Giant  
@StewKlazinga



.@cityofhamilton you & the developer along Quigley are severely derelict in your duty.

The developers have not cleared their sidewalk & they are obstructing large parts of it.

This is impassable for many. Please remedy this.

#SnowAndTell #AODAFail cc @djnontario  
@Chad\_Collins5

12:06 PM · Jan 22, 2020 · Twitter for iPhone



5.10

**Form: Request to Speak to Committee of Council**

Submitted on Wednesday, January 29, 2020 - 10:19 am

==Committee Requested==

**Committee:** General Issues Committee

==Requestor Information==

**Name of Individual:** Thomas Manzuk

**Name of Organization:**

**Contact Number:**

**Email Address:**

**Mailing Address:**

**Reason(s) for delegation request:**

Regarding Snow removal and it's impact on the elderly and those with disabilities

**Will you be requesting funds from the City?** No

**Will you be submitting a formal presentation?** Yes

5.12

**Form: Request to Speak to Committee of Council**

Submitted on Wednesday, January 29, 2020 - 2:12 pm

==Committee Requested==

**Committee:** General Issues Committee

==Requestor Information==

**Name of Individual:** James Kemp**Name of Organization:****Contact Number:****Email Address:****Mailing Address:**

**Reason(s) for delegation request:** I wish to speak to the GIC regarding the February 10th meeting discussing the snow removal report PW19022. As a person with a disability, this discussion affects me and many others like me. I simply wish to assist the General Issues Committee by giving them a perspective of what people like me go through with our current snow removal policy. I would thank the committee for any time they could spare

**Will you be requesting funds from the City?** No**Will you be submitting a formal presentation?** No

5.13

**Form: Request to Speak to Committee of Council**

Submitted on Friday, January 31, 2020 - 9:38 am

==Committee Requested==

**Committee:** General Issues Committee

==Requestor Information==

**Name of Individual:** Anthony Marco

**Name of Organization:** Hamilton & District Labour Council

**Contact Number:** 9055156486

**Email Address:** [amarco@rogers.com](mailto:amarco@rogers.com)

**Mailing Address:**

1130 Barton Street East, Suite 210

Hamilton, Ontario

L8H7P9

**Reason(s) for delegation request:** To speak to the Living Wage Report for City Employees.

**Will you be requesting funds from the City?** No

**Will you be submitting a formal presentation?** No



**Form: Request to Speak to Committee of Council**

Submitted on Friday, January 31, 2020 - 3:03 pm

==Committee Requested==

**Committee:** General Issues Committee

==Requestor Information==

**Name of Individual:** Kojo Dampsey

**Name of Organization:** Hamilton Centre for Civic Inclusion

**Contact Number:** 2899215294

**Email Address:** [kdampsey@hcci.ca](mailto:kdampsey@hcci.ca)

**Mailing Address:** 423 King Street East

**Reason(s) for delegation request:** Would like to speak to Council regrading the 2020 City Budget on Feb 10th, 2020.

**Will you be requesting funds from the City?** No

**Will you be submitting a formal presentation?** Yes

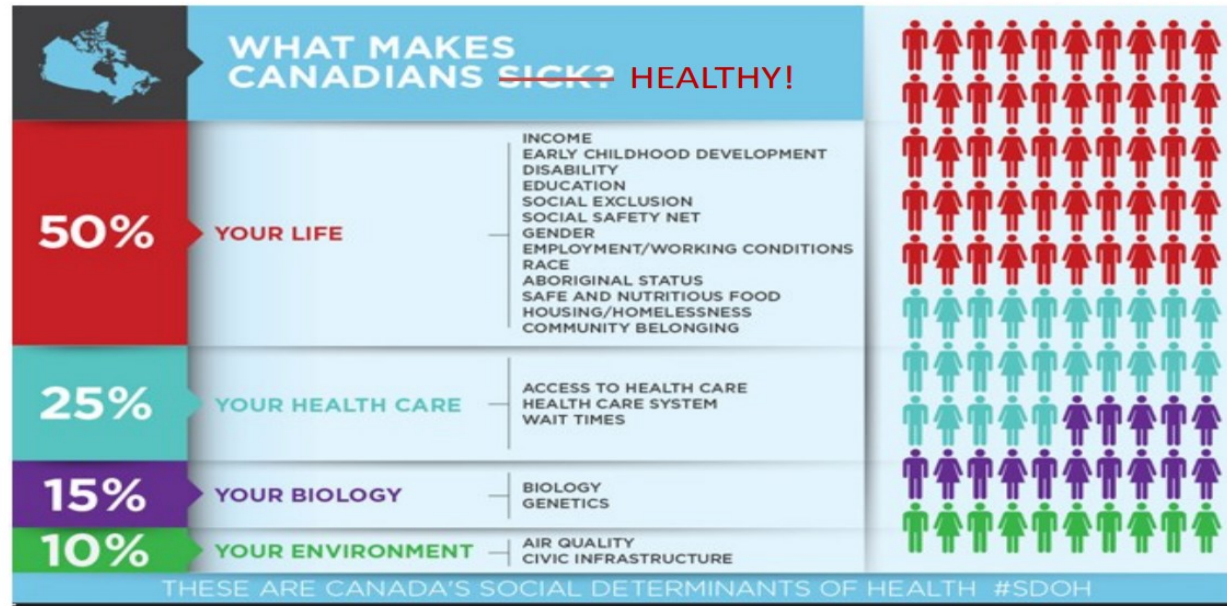
# To provide services that ensure Hamilton is a healthy and safe community

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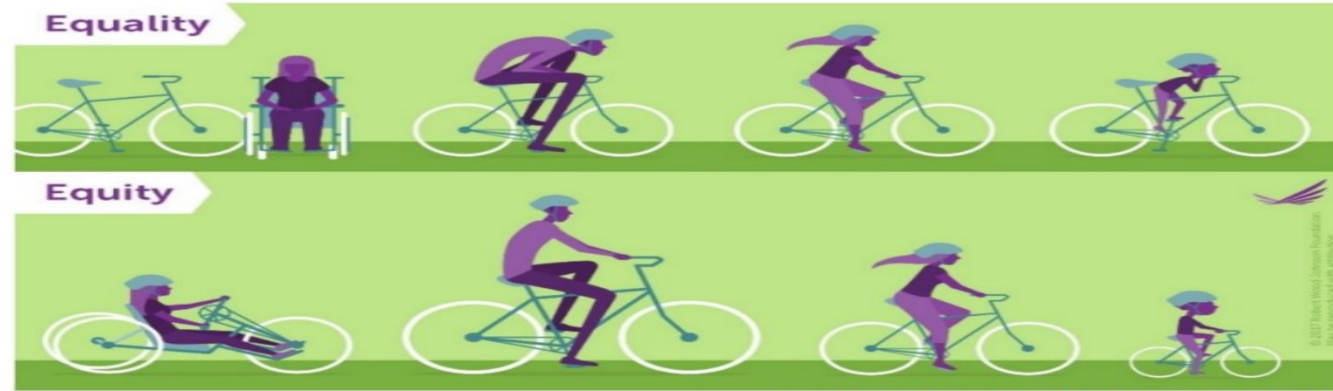
HEALTHY AND SAFE COMMUNITIES 2020 OPERATING BUDGET  
JANUARY 30, 2020

## WHAT IMPACTS OUR HEALTH?



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## A LOOK BACK AT 2019 EQUITY, DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

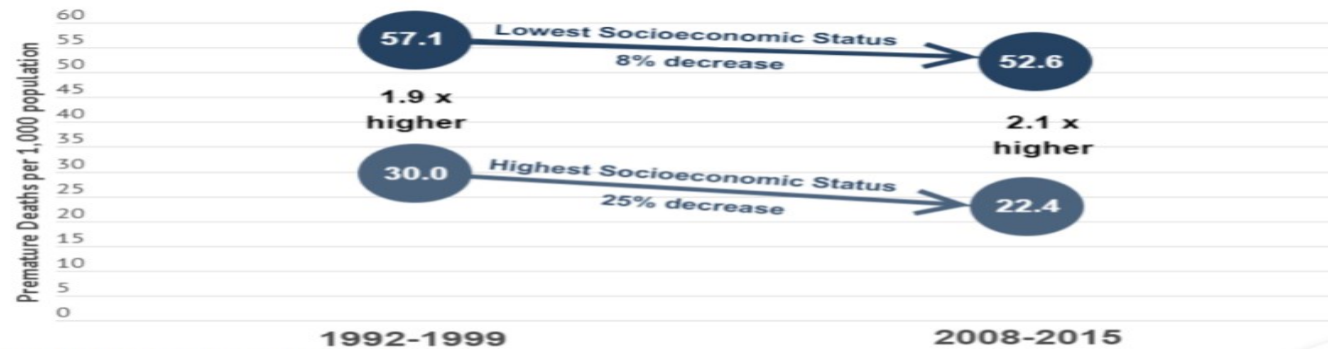


Source: Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

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## A LOOK BACK AT 2019 EQUITY, DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

Inequality of premature deaths by socioeconomic status, City of Hamilton (1992-2015)



Rosella et al. (2018). Ontario Atlas of Adult Mortality.  
[https://pophealthanalytics.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/OntarioAtlasOfAdultMortality\\_12Sept2018.pdf](https://pophealthanalytics.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/OntarioAtlasOfAdultMortality_12Sept2018.pdf)



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**Form: Request to Speak to Committee of Council**  
Submitted on Monday, February 3, 2020 - 12:13 pm

==Committee Requested==

**Committee:** General Issues Committee

==Requestor Information==

**Name of Individual:** Leo Dragtoe

**Name of Organization:** Disability Justice Network of Ontario

**Contact Number:**

**Email Address:**

**Mailing Address:**

**Reason(s) for delegation request:** Snow removal

**Will you be requesting funds from the City?** Yes

**Will you be submitting a formal presentation?** No

5.16

**Form: Request to Speak to Committee of Council**

Submitted on Monday, January 27, 2020 - 10:52am

==Committee Requested==

**Committee:** Advisory/Sub-Committee**Name of Sub-Committee:** ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

==Requestor Information==

**Name of Individual:** Arthur Gallant**Name of Organization:****Contact Number:****Email Address:****Mailing Address:****Reason(s) for delegation request:**

I live on a main thoroughfare. All my neighbours on a 1-block stretch of my street will not shovel or de-ice their sidewalk after a snowfall. The city has issued orders to comply without any success. Some tenants in my apartment building cannot navigate the snow and ice using their mobility devices. I recently had surgery and the vibration of the uneven surface caused me intense pain. The city's refusal to act after a snowfall is an accessibility issue in Hamilton and one I'd like to speak to the committee about.

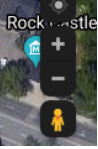
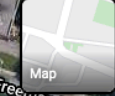
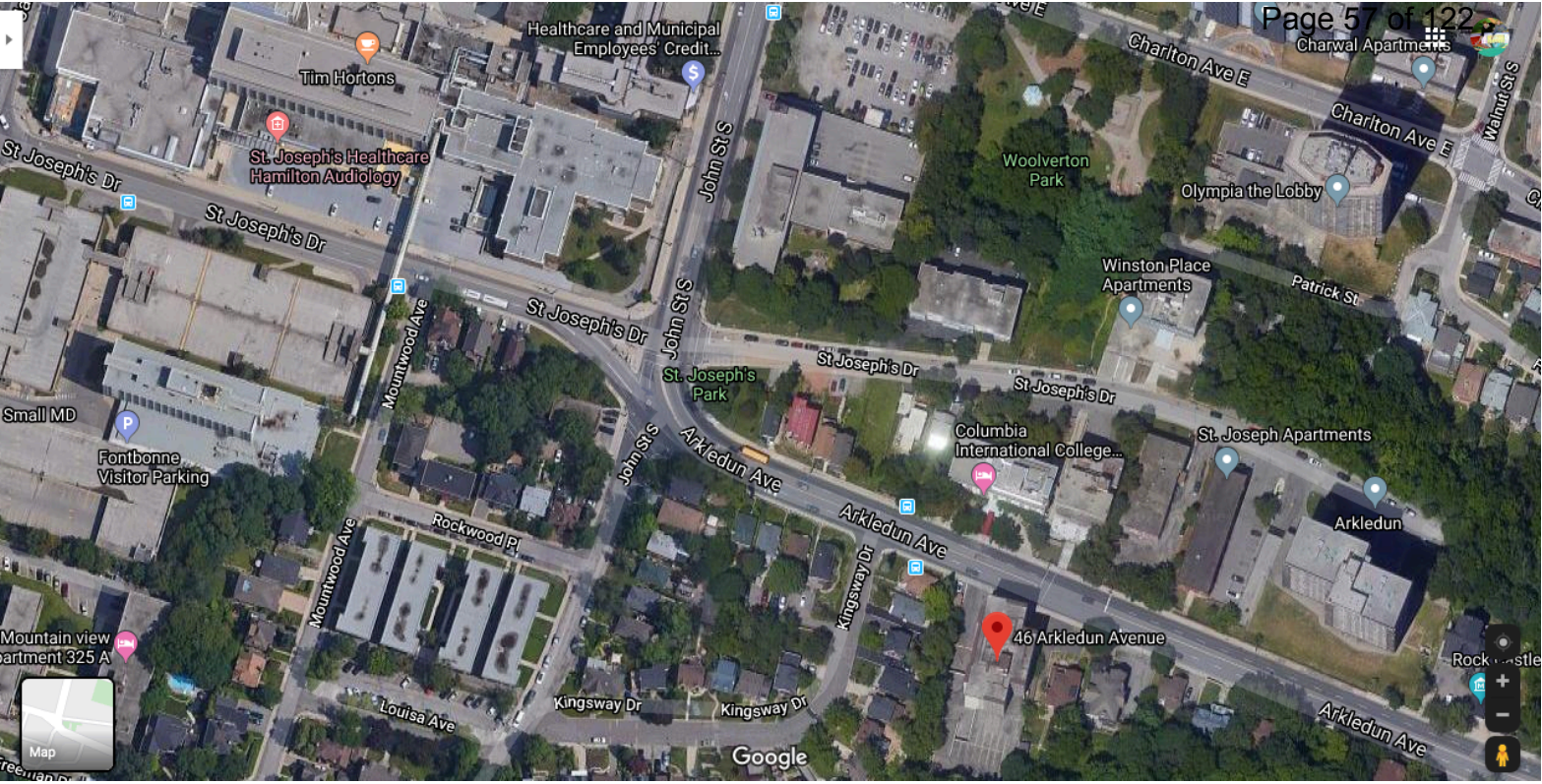
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**Paparella, Stephanie**

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**Sent:** February 2, 2020 8:09 PM  
**To:** Davenport, Alicia  
**Subject:** Fwd: Snow Removal

Please include in agenda for my presentation.

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**Date:** Mon, Nov 18, 2019 at 12:38 PM  
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Concerned Citizen

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City of Hamilton

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**To:** Municipal Law Enforcement <[mle@hamilton.ca](mailto:mle@hamilton.ca)>  
**Subject:** Snow Removal

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I have attached pictures that I took at approximately 3pm today (November 13, 2019).

Can somebody at the City please look into this and address it?

Yours very truly,

Arthur Gallant

**Paparella, Stephanie**

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**From:** Arthur Gallant  
**Sent:** February 2, 2020 8:10 PM  
**To:** Davenport, Alicia  
**Subject:** Fwd: (Lack of) Snow Removal

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**From:** **Farr, Jason** <[Jason.Farr@hamilton.ca](mailto:Jason.Farr@hamilton.ca)>  
**Date:** Sat, Nov 16, 2019 at 4:02 PM  
**Subject:** Re: (Lack of) Snow Removal  
**To:** Arthur Gallant <

Arthur, thank you for sending this along. As it happens, I had sent several property addresses to by-Law Enforcement with the City on Wednesday and I believe this is among them, but if not, I have copied Enforcement. These properties are issued orders to comply. If they do not, we do go in. Clear the walk properly. And charge them on their taxes.

Jay

Sent from my iPhone

> On Nov 16, 2019, at 3:22 PM, Arthur Gallant wrote:  
 >  
 > Hi Councillor Farr,  
 >  
 > My name is Arthur Gallant and I live at . Arkledun Avenue in Ward 2. As you know on Monday November 11, we received a premature and significant snowfall. As you're well aware, City of Hamilton by-law 03-296 requires property owners and their occupants to clear snow and ice from sidewalks adjacent to their property within 24 hours.  
 >  
 > On Wednesday afternoon, I filed a complaint (which I have forwarded to you) with Municipal Law Enforcement alleging that the sidewalks on Arkledun Avenue between the edge of 46 Arkledun Avenue and John Street South had not been cleared of ice or snow. Late Thursday some ice and snow had been removed. However, as of today the majority of the ice and snow remains. I have attached pictures that I took at approximately 2pm today (November 16).  
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 > I don't know if some of these properties are vacant. Living in an apartment building, it is unnecessary for me to own a shovel. If for any reason the properties are vacant than I feel like the City should assume responsibility. There are plenty of seniors and other people in my building that use mobility devices. I don't see how somebody with a walker or wheelchair could navigate all the ice.  
 >  
 > To be honest, 24 hours seems a little stringent. I am sympathetic if it takes 36 hours to clear the ice. The fact that we're going on 5 days is ridiculous. What happens if somebody were to fall and injure themselves on the sidewalk due to lack of ice and snow removal? Could that person go after the city or the property owner?  
 >  
 > Unfortunately, living in the part of the world that we do we're likely in several more significant snowfalls over the coming months. I am hopeful this will not remain an ongoing issue.  
 >  
 > I look forward to hearing from you in due course.

**Paparella, Stephanie**

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**From:** Arthur Gallant  
**Sent:** February 2, 2020 8:12 PM  
**To:** Davenport, Alicia  
**Subject:** Fwd: Snow Removal re: 19 154193

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**From:** Arthur Gallant <\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date:** Wed, Jan 22, 2020 at 4:38 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Snow Removal re: 19 154193  
**To:** Office of the Mayor <[mayor@hamilton.ca](mailto:mayor@hamilton.ca)>

Hi Paul,

My concern is that the Orders to Comply given to these property owners have no teeth. The City has the power to recoup the money it spends on snow-clearing by adding it to the individual's property taxes but yet again MLE is refusing to exercise this power. Yes the City would be spending the money up front but from what I can tell, these houses are not vacant which means the property owners are paying their property taxes every year. Adding a few hundred dollars to their tax bill might get their attention and force them to start shovelling their sidewalks.

Arthur  
Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 22, 2020, at 4:07 PM, Office of the Mayor <[mayor@hamilton.ca](mailto:mayor@hamilton.ca)> wrote:

Good Afternoon,

Thank you for contacting the Office of the Mayor.

All snow removal complaints are handled by Municipal Law Enforcement, and all that Members of Council can do is direct citizen queries to the appropriate department beyond passing new City Policy whereby the City would be responsible for sidewalk snow removal as well. Of course, this comes with a cost and at this point in time the City is already experiencing significant budgetary pressures to maintain existing services let alone add new ones in light of Provincial downloading of funding responsibility to the municipality. It's a tough sell at this point in time that I don't anticipate the majority of Council Members would support, despite its obvious benefits to residents.

If you have any specific by-law complaints, contact Municipal Law Enforcement directly at: 905-546-2782 or alternatively you can contact our Office and we will direct them to MLE on your behalf.

Regards,

**Paul Szachlewicz**

Administrator

Office of Mayor Fred Eisenberger

City of Hamilton

71 Main Street West 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

Hamilton ON L8P 4Y5

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**Sent:** January 22, 2020 3:25 PM  
**To:** Office of the Mayor <[mayor@hamilton.ca](mailto:mayor@hamilton.ca)>  
**Subject:** Fwd: Snow Removal re: 19 154193

Dear Mayor Eisenberger,

My name is Arthur Gallant and I am a constituent in Ward 2. I live on Arkledun Avenue aka The Jolley Cut. Between Kingsway Drive and John Street South, the sidewalk on what I believe is the south side of Arkledun Avenue is not being cleared of snow or ice after a snowfall within the guidelines of the applicable City of Hamilton by-laws. During the significant November 2019 snowfall, I complained to both the by-law department and Councillor Farr. Below are their responses. While the City has the power to hire contractors and charge the property owners by adding it to their property tax bill, the City did not do so the last time around. I have not complained to Councillor Farr nor the By-Law department again because I'm almost certain they'll give me the exact same response.

As you're well aware, there was another significant snowfall this past weekend. I just came back from a walk to Jackson Square and while every other sidewalk on virtually every other street has been cleared, the sidewalk on my side of the street has not. I live at Arkledun Avenue and many of neighbours use walkers and other mobility devices and cannot walk on our side of the road. Yes they could cross the street but which is clear but that isn't the point.

While this may be a relatively minor issue in the grand scheme of things, I am fed-up! Why did City Council pass snow-clearing/sidewalk clearing by-laws if they refuse to use the power contained in the by-laws? It isn't fair that every other side on every other major street/thoroughfare has been cleared of snow and ice except my street!

With all due respect Your Worship, in my opinion it's issues like this that frustrate taxpayers the most. If the City is refusing to use its powers contained within the aforementioned by-law, perhaps you should rescind the by-law or pass a by-law saying property owners won't face any repercussions for not clearing the sidewalks in front of their property because that's clearly what's happening.

I would appreciate if you or your staff could get back to me about why the City is choosing to let this issue slide.

Yours truly,

Arthur Gallant

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Date: Mon, Nov 18, 2019 at 1:23 PM

Subject: RE: Snow Removal re: 19 154193

To: Arthur Gallant

We really do not have the resources to shovel unintended walkways at the 24 hour mark following a storm, Arthur. As well, enforcement methods almost always offer time for those who receive orders time to comply.

The alternative is to have the City of Hamilton clear all sidewalks in the City of Hamilton. Last year, that was a non-starter in the budget debate. I did however ask staff to come back with costs on covering the clearing of walk in high pedestrian areas (downtowns and places with high seniors populations). We should be looking at this in the coming months.

I wish I could offer a better answer(s) for you, Arthur. Like you, I am extremely frustrated at the lack of considerations by the few who refuse to clear their walks soon after a winter event. It is very bad form. Right now, I am exercising what authority we currently have in place and which understandably you find does not go far enough.

Jay

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Everyday I walk from my apartment to Central Library. On Friday I walked along Hunter, Locke, Charlton and Herkimer and the ice and snow removal was a non-issue. I know the City can't hold a gun to property owners heads but the by-laws are perfectly clear as to what the responsibilities of property owners are and the City's powers to intervene.



It's issues like these that make people lack faith in their governments and complain about not seeing results over what feels like a small yet straightforward issue.

Arthur

Sent from my iPhone

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**Date:** November 18, 2019 at 12:46:13 PM EST  
**To:** Arthur Gallant  
**Subject:** Snow Removal re: 19 154193

Hi Arthur, your complaint was looked into and violations were found. We issued orders to comply, will go to contractor if not complied with, officer will be doing a re-check this week.

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**To:** Davenport, Alicia  
**Subject:** Fwd: Snow on Sidewalk Clearing Concerns - Arkledun Avenue between Kingsway Drive and John Street South ~ Arthur Gallant

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**From:** Coombs, Kim <[Kimberly.Coombs@hamilton.ca](mailto:Kimberly.Coombs@hamilton.ca)>  
**Date:** Thu, Jan 30, 2020 at 12:51 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Snow on Sidewalk Clearing Concerns - Arkledun Avenue between Kingsway Drive and John Street South ~ Arthur Gallant  
**To:** [arthur.gallant](mailto:arthur.gallant)  
**Cc:** Melatti, Rosanna <[Rosanna.Melatti@hamilton.ca](mailto:Rosanna.Melatti@hamilton.ca)>, McDavid, Laura <[Laura.McDavid@hamilton.ca](mailto:Laura.McDavid@hamilton.ca)>, Taylor, Sheree L. <[Sheree.Taylor@hamilton.ca](mailto:Sheree.Taylor@hamilton.ca)>

Hello Mr. Gallant

Thank you for your email. I hope you are recovering well from your surgery. I am the Manager of Municipal Law Enforcement and I have investigated your concerns. Upon receipt of your email I have asked my staff to put this area of concern on our HOT LIST of properties as a priority, as we would want our residents to have the earliest, safe access after a snow storm. Our officers will be in this area on a Pro-Active basis moving forward.

Municipal Law Enforcement has issued multiple Orders to clear the snow in the area of Kingsway and John Street. The enforcement of the Snow Removal Bylaw sits with our department to enforce. You are correct, our Bylaw allows the city to issue an Order to Comply to the property owner and if the owner does not comply the city will send contractors to clear and then bill the costs to the property taxes. Officers re-check the Ordered properties within 24 hours for compliance and if the owner hasn't cleared the snow, the officer sends a request to our contractors to clear. This does take a few days sometimes as the volumes are higher after a snowfall. In that waiting period for the contractor to clear, If the weather changes, or rains and clears the property itself, we will not bill the owners.

I hope I have addressed your concerns moving forward and if you have any questions or further concerns please reach out to me personally.

Thank you

Kim Coombs, CMM III MLE Executive, Property Stds Professional

Manager, Licensing and Bylaw Services

Municipal Law Enforcement

City of Hamilton

(905)546-2424 ext.1318

[Kimberly.Coombs@hamilton.ca](mailto:Kimberly.Coombs@hamilton.ca)



**From:** Arthur Gallant <\_\_\_\_\_  
**Sent:** Monday, January 27, 2020 1:20 PM  
**To:** Smith, Janette (City Manager) <[Janette.Smith@hamilton.ca](mailto:Janette.Smith@hamilton.ca)>  
**Subject:** Concerns

Dear Ms. Smith,

My name is Arthur Gallant and I live in apartment building located at Arkledun Avenue in the City of Hamilton.

After the 2 significant snowfalls of this 2019/2020 winter season, the City of Hamilton has refused to clear and de-ice the sidewalks on Arkledun Avenue between Kingsway Drive and John Street South pursuant to City By-Law 03-296. I have complained to Municipal Law Enforcement, Councillor Jason Farr, and Mayor Eisenberger's office. I have been told on several occasions that the City does not have funding to enforce and take action as per the aforementioned by-law

due to provincial downloading. I have contacted the province who says regardless of provincial downloading, this issue remains solely within the purview of the city.

The aforementioned by-law allows the city to clear the sidewalks themselves and then add the cost of doing so to the property owner's property taxes. The City has refused to take this step. All they've done is issue notices to comply but not all the property owners have complied. The snowfall take took place over a week ago was the 2nd one this season in which the City allowed the snow and ice to melt instead of clearing it.

This is an issue of accessibility. There are several tenants in my apartment building who use mobility devices. This is not fair to those people and could be easily rectified if the city chose to use its powers within the aforementioned by-laws.

A couple weeks ago, I had surgery. The vibration from the sidewalk being uneven because of the snow and ice caused me substantial pain. The pain was way less when walking on flat surfaces. The City's refusal to act is putting residents with disabilities at a disadvantage.

I would greatly appreciate if you somebody from your office could reach out to me to in order to rectify this issue from happening again in the future.

Yours very truly,

Arthur Gallant

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**Form: Request to Speak to Committee of Council**  
Submitted on Tuesday, February 4, 2020 - 10:39 am

==Committee Requested==

**Committee:** General Issues Committee

==Requestor Information==

**Name of Individual:** Cameron Kroetsch

**Name of Organization:**

**Contact Number:**

**Email Address:**

**Mailing Address:**

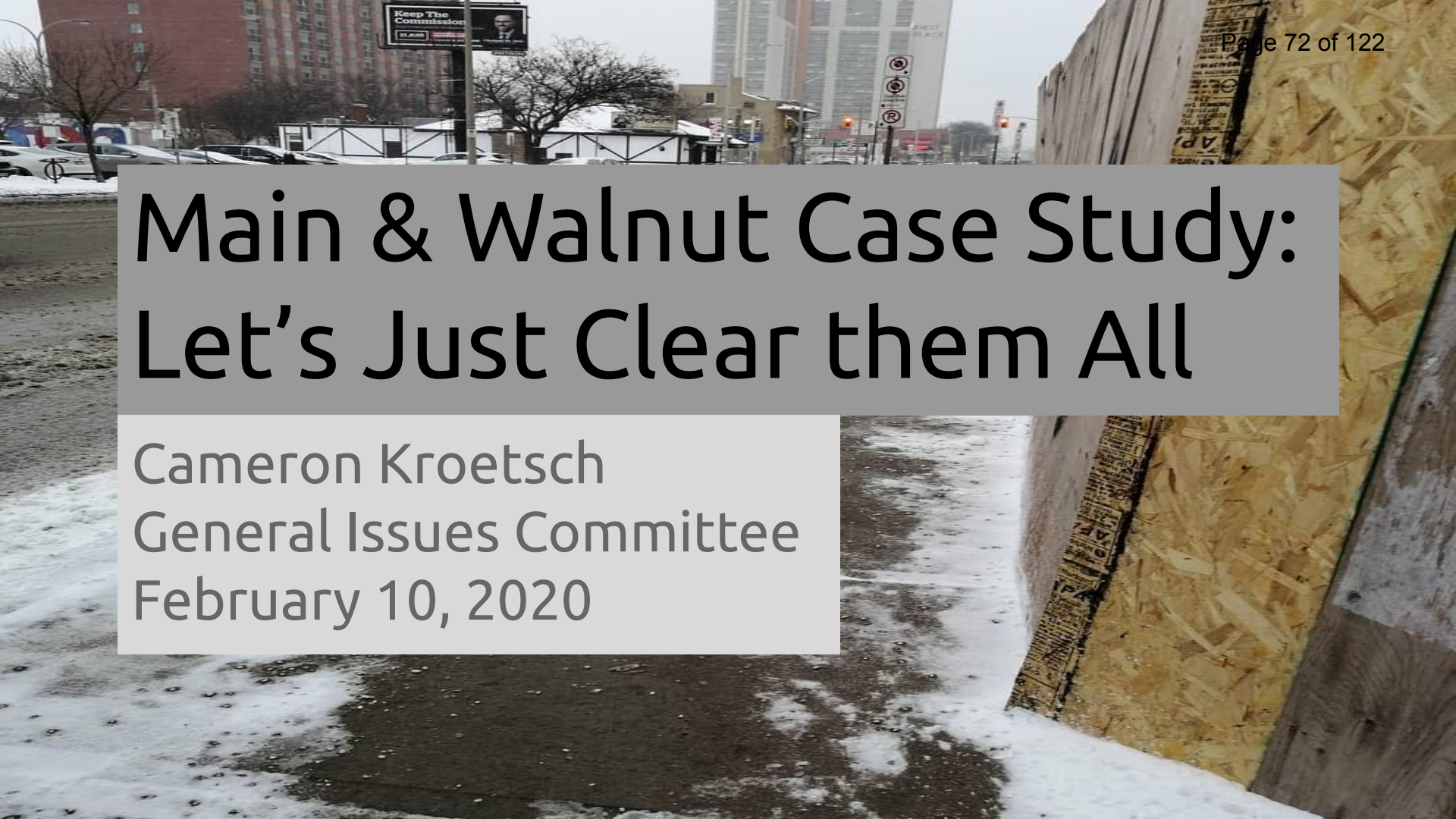
**Reason(s) for delegation request:** Respecting Report  
PW19022(a) - Sidewalk Snow Removal, for the February 10,  
2020 meeting

**Will you be requesting funds from the City? Yes**

**Will you be submitting a formal presentation? No**

# Main & Walnut Case Study: Let's Just Clear them All

Cameron Kroetsch  
General Issues Committee  
February 10, 2020



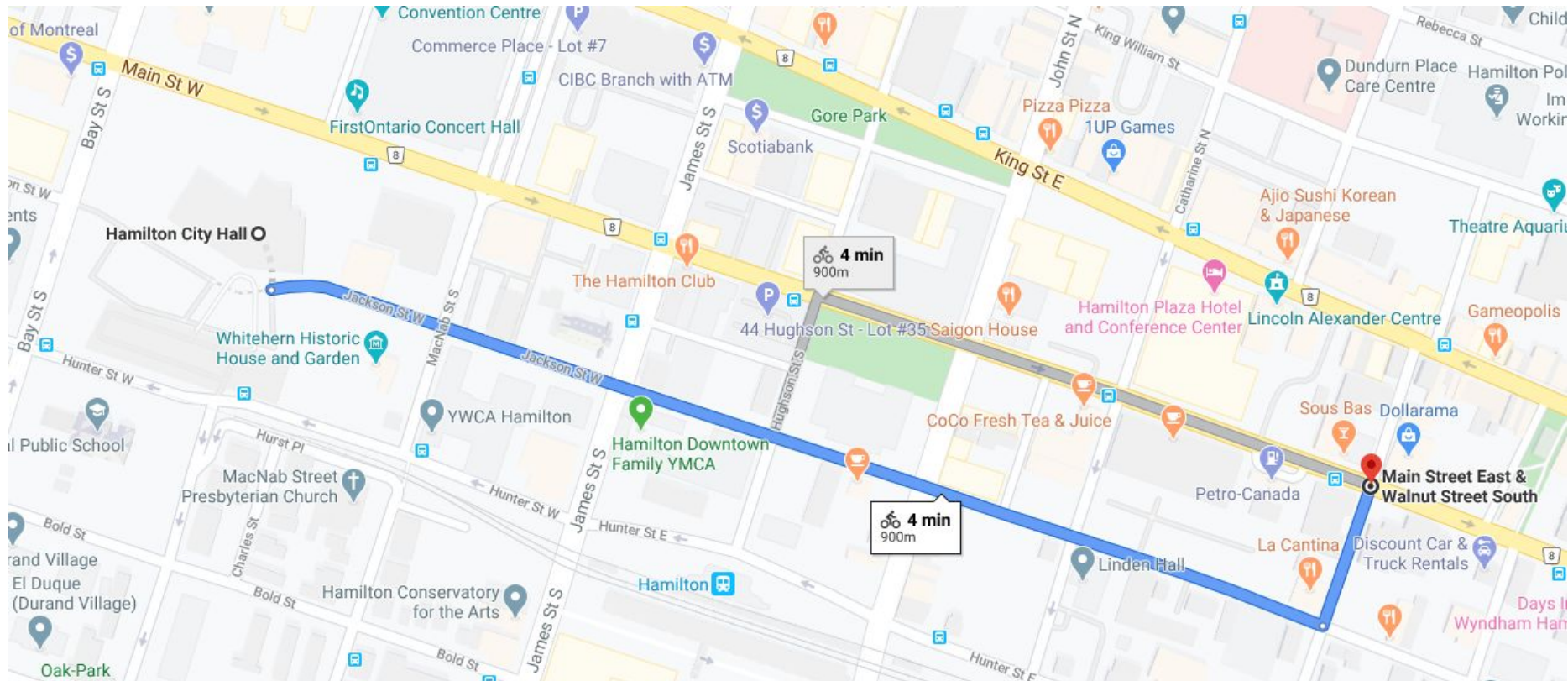


# Why Main & Walnut?

- In my neighbourhood (Corktown, Ward 2)
- Hamilton developer (Darko Vranich, Vrancor) = has the resources to maintain the property and a connection to the community
- On a main artery seen by thousands of people driving in cars and used by hundreds of pedestrians = high visibility

# Why Main & Walnut?

- Bordered by 3 sidewalks:
  - **Main Street East** (“Major Arterial”)
  - **Walnut Street South** (“Minor Local”)
  - **Jackson Street East** (“Minor Local”)
- Stood out, for these reasons, as an example that had the potential to act as a “litmus test” for snow clearing





November 2018



January 2019



February 2019



March 2019





# What did I do?

- Called and reported this to the City (Bylaw and others)
- Posted the photos publicly and tagged folks
- Called the developer and spoke to both their on site construction supervisor and Vrancor administration

January 2020



January 2020



January 2020





STUART



AUGUSTA



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# What can you do?

- Ensure that **every sidewalk** in this City is cleared of snow so that **every Hamiltonian** can get around safely
- Prioritize sidewalks and walking routes over parking lots and make sure that the City is equipped to deal with complaints 365 days of the year: if you're depending on citizens to report issues, you have to support those citizens by acting on those issues; this is your chance

5.18

**Form: Request to Speak to Committee of Council**

Submitted on Wednesday, February 5, 2020 - 11:42 am

==Committee Requested==

**Committee:** General Issues Committee

==Requestor Information==

**Name of Individual:** Violetta Nikolskaya

**Name of Organization:** YWCA Hamilton

**Contact Number:** 905-522-9922 x320

**Email Address:** [vnikolskaya@ywcahamilton.org](mailto:vnikolskaya@ywcahamilton.org)

**Mailing Address:** 75 MacNab ST S, Hamilton, ON L8P 3C1

Reason(s) for delegation request: To speak to the 2020-02-10 GIC Budget meeting, pertaining the need for a GBA+ (gender based analysis plus) analysis on the City of Hamilton's budget priorities and process, and inclusive open governance practices.

**Will you be requesting funds from the City?** No

**Will you be submitting a formal presentation?** No

5.19

**Form: Request to Speak to Committee of Council**

Submitted on Wednesday, February 5, 2020 - 6:14 pm

==Committee Requested==

**Committee:** General Issues Committee

==Requestor Information==

**Name of Individual:** Shelbi De Silva**Name of Organization:** Moms Hamilton**Contact Number:****Email Address:** [momsinthehammer@gmail.com](mailto:momsinthehammer@gmail.com)**Mailing Address:**

**Reason(s) for delegation request:** Speaking to council on behalf of Moms in the city who are negatively impacted by the lack of snow removal that happens on major pedestrian sidewalks in Hamilton after a heavy snow fall. I have a large community of moms who have expressed frustrations and experienced injury due to residential and commercial properties not following current snow removal by law. We believe more has to be done by the city to ensure snow is removed in a timely manner in the best interest of all citizens.

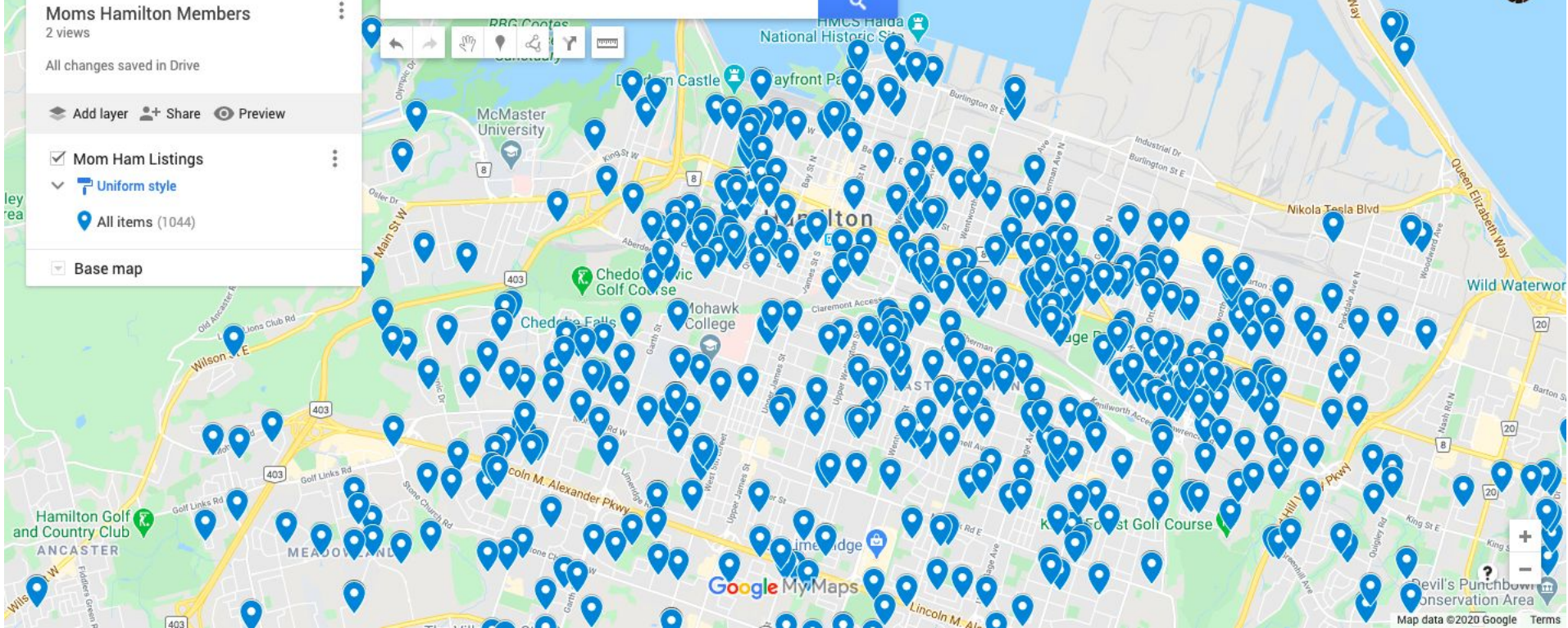
**Will you be requesting funds from the City?** No**Will you be submitting a formal presentation?** Yes



# IN SUPPORT OF RESPONSIBLE SIDEWALK REMOVAL

PRESENTED BY SHELBI DE SILVA  
MOMS HAMILTON







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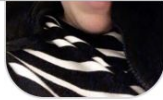


When my first was in kindergarten and my second was a baby the first summer. He was a baby. We lost three strollers. I went through something like twenty-five hundred bucks worth of strollers because businesses and people would not shovel and the wheels would get stuck in slushy snow and snap off. And ultimately I just stopped taking one of my sons to school.

Whenever it's not it's because it just wasn't worth the hassle of walking a kilometer in all that snow with a baby in a stroller. . It was one thing for me as an adult solo say walking to work and going on the street. But there was no way I was taking small kids or a baby onto the street because the sidewalks were impassable.



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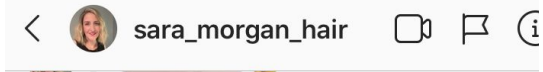
This is amazing! And such an important issue. I don't drive so we walk to school and even today..no one has shovelled yet so pushing a heavy stroller through the snow to the school which is like a 15 -20 minute walk with my 5 year old also hanging on was the worst! Also our poor older crossing guard has had his driver's license taken away due to medical issues and he has almost the same distance to get to the school and back as we do! I know for a fact he has had several slips the last few years : ( as have I and the kids! Thank you for bringing attention to this subject!



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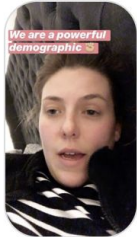
Also would like to add that though this winter hasn't been as bad there have been winters where we just couldn't get to the school because of unshovelled sidewalks and the fact that the main road has cars parked on the side walking on the road with children was not a safe option!

One year when my youngest daughter was a baby we actually got stuck in the snow several blocks from the school. Thankfully the older kids kindergarten teacher drove by us parked her car ran all the way back and offered to walk my two older ones the rest of the way because she could see how badly I was struggling with the stroller! Another time a gentleman on his way up the street also ran over to help lift the stroller over some badly snowed patches so there have

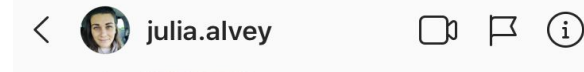


6:16 AM

Replied to your story



Yes! This is great! I would gladly pay 16\$ a year for safe sidewalks. I'm 8 months pregnant and scared to walk my dog around the block when there is snow. Residential houses with corner lots are the worst. They will shovel the front of the house but not the side. Very frustrating. I hope this works!!



That's fantastic! What a great solution. I don't have any unordinary stories of walking through snowy sidewalks but I do however have this. As I single mama with two small babes I find it extremely hard to get out and shovel, I can't leave my babies in the house by themselves so I can shovel. I often feel horrible that I leave my sidewalk unshovelled but what's a single mama to do? I try my best to get out there and do it but its not so easy. Thank you for you voice, let's see the city hear ya and hope for a great change and solution!!



7:25 AM

Great that's a great point I will be taking with me!



Good Afternoon Nringer,

As a resident of Ward 3, I wanted to share my frustration with residential snow removal. I'm currently on maternity leave, and getting out of the house for a walk with my daughter is something I enjoy (and let's be honest, I need it).

I am disheartened by the lack of care my community has for snow removal. Some make the effort, but fall short when they don't put down salt or sand, or don't clear the crosswalks. It makes pushing a stroller impossible. I encountered another Mom out with her children this morning, who told me she fell while walking, and had her son in a baby carrier.

I know this isn't a hot topic, or one of high priority, but mother to mother, I'm sure you can share in this frustration. Maybe there is a way you can use your social media platform, or even address this at City Hall. From an economic standpoint, Hamilton could stand to make plenty of money by fining those who do not make their sidewalks safe for others.

Just a thought. I appreciate you taking the time to hear my concerns.

Warm Regards,

Lauren Cook  
173 Rothsay Ave





**Holly Price** We just moved here from Toronto and I can't even take my babies out for a walk with the dog until after all the snow has melted. The biggest obstacle would be after a snowplow has come through the neighborhood and all the sidewalks have mountains to climb over. There is no way to get a tandem double stroller around on the sidewalks and people drive like maniacs on the side streets I do not feel comfortable even walking on the residential roads.

Like · Reply · 22h



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**Gina da Costa** 🇺🇸 Moving from Mississauga to Hamilton I've noticed a lack of snow removal and salting on sidewalks/roadways/alleyways! I was literally stuck in the snow once and had to pull my stroller out. I barely walk to drop and pick up my oldest from school because of this.

Like · Reply · 17h



**Tara Zabella** Yes! In Toronto I would always run all winter long, here I wouldn't dare. The sidewalks along main and king are rarely cleared by property owners.

Like · Reply · 16h



**Melissa Macdonald** Only about 20 percent of my neighbours shovel their driveways. This means that in order for me to walk my dog with my baby and not risk falling and breaking something that would render me unable to care for both, we stay inside. Walking is a huge part of my life. Not only do my dog and I rely on it for exercise, but to combat isolation in the winter months. We feel trapped in suburbia. And this very much effects my mental well-being.

**Like** · Reply · 5h · Edited





THANK YOU



5.20

**Form: Request to Speak to Committee of Council**  
Submitted on Thursday, February 6, 2020 - 10:39 pm

==Committee Requested==

**Committee:** General Issues Committee

==Requestor Information==

**Name of Individual:** Mike Wood

**Name of Organization:** ACORN

**Contact Number:**

**Email Address:** [hamilton@acorncanada.org](mailto:hamilton@acorncanada.org)

**Mailing Address:**

**Reason(s) for delegation request:** Public delegation day

**Will you be requesting funds from the City?** No

**Will you be submitting a formal presentation?** No

5.21

**Form: Request to Speak to Committee of Council**  
Submitted on Thursday, February 6, 2020 - 11:01 am

==Committee Requested==

**Committee:** General Issues Committee

==Requestor Information==

**Name of Individual:** Alex Murphy

**Name of Organization:** Beasley Neighbourhood Association

**Contact Number:**

**Email Address:**

**Mailing Address:**

**Reason(s) for delegation request:** Would like speak in favour of the long overdo downtown sidewalk clearing pilot proposal.

**Will you be requesting funds from the City?** No

**Will you be submitting a formal presentation?** No

5.23

**Form: Request to Speak to Committee of Council**

Submitted on Friday, February 7, 2020 - 9:53 am

==Committee Requested==

**Committee:** General Issues Committee

==Requestor Information==

**Name of Individual:** Jason Beharriell

**Name of Organization:**

**Contact Number:**

**Email Address:**

**Mailing Address:**

**Reason(s) for delegation request:** respecting Report  
PW19022(a) - Sidewalk Snow Removal

**Will you be requesting funds from the City?** Yes

**Will you be submitting a formal presentation?** No

**Form: Request to Speak to Committee of Council**

Submitted on Friday, February 7, 2020 - 10:43 am

==Committee Requested==

**Committee:** General Issues Committee

==Requestor Information==

**Name of Individual:** Michelle Xu

**Name of Organization:** Disability Justice Network of Ontario

**Contact Number:**

**Email Address:**

**Mailing Address:**

**Reason(s) for delegation request:** Snow removal

**Will you be requesting funds from the City?** No

**Will you be submitting a formal presentation?** No

5.25

**Form: Request to Speak to Committee of Council**  
Submitted on Friday, February 7, 2020 - 11:04 am

==Committee Requested==

**Committee:** General Issues Committee

==Requestor Information==

**Name of Individual:** Barry Conway

**Name of Organization:** CUPE 5167

**Contact Number:** 9055377048

**Email Address:** [conway@cupe5167.org](mailto:conway@cupe5167.org)

**Mailing Address:**

818 King St E

**Reason(s) for delegation request:** Speak to living wage

**Will you be requesting funds from the City?** Yes

**Will you be submitting a formal presentation?** No

5.26

**Form: Request to Speak to Committee of Council**

Submitted on Friday, February 7, 2020 - 11:12 am

==Committee Requested==

**Committee:** General Issues Committee

==Requestor Information==

**Name of Individual:** Margie Goold

**Name of Organization:** DJNO

**Contact Number:**

**Email Address:**

**Mailing Address:**

**Reason(s) for delegation request:** To address the issue of assistive devices

**Will you be requesting funds from the City?** No

**Will you be submitting a formal presentation?** No

5.29

**Form: Request to Speak to Committee of Council**

Submitted on Friday, February 7, 2020 - 11:55 am

==Committee Requested==

**Committee:** General Issues Committee

==Requestor Information==

**Name of Individual:** Terri Wallis

**Name of Organization:** Disability justice network of Ontario

**Contact Number:**

**Email Address:**

**Mailing Address:**

**Reason(s) for delegation request:** Snow removal

**Will you be requesting funds from the City?** No

**Will you be submitting a formal presentation?** No



5.30

**Form: Request to Speak to Committee of Council**

Submitted on Friday, February 7, 2020 - 12:14 pm

==Committee Requested==

**Committee:** General Issues Committee

==Requestor Information==

**Name of Individual:** Tania Kerr

**Name of Organization:** ETFO

**Contact Number:**

**Email Address:**

**Mailing Address:**

**Reason(s) for delegation request:** Living wage for students

**Will you be requesting funds from the City?** No

**Will you be submitting a formal presentation?** No

5.31

**Form: Request to Speak to Committee of Council**

Submitted on Friday, February 7, 2020 - 12:14 pm

==Committee Requested==

**Committee:** General Issues Committee

==Requestor Information==

**Name of Individual:** James Watson

**Name of Organization:** CUPE 3906

**Contact Number:**

**Email Address:**

**Mailing Address:**

**Reason(s) for delegation request:** Speaking to student living wage

**Will you be requesting funds from the City?** No

**Will you be submitting a formal presentation?** Yes

# Post-Secondary Student-Workers and a Living Wage

JAMES WATSON

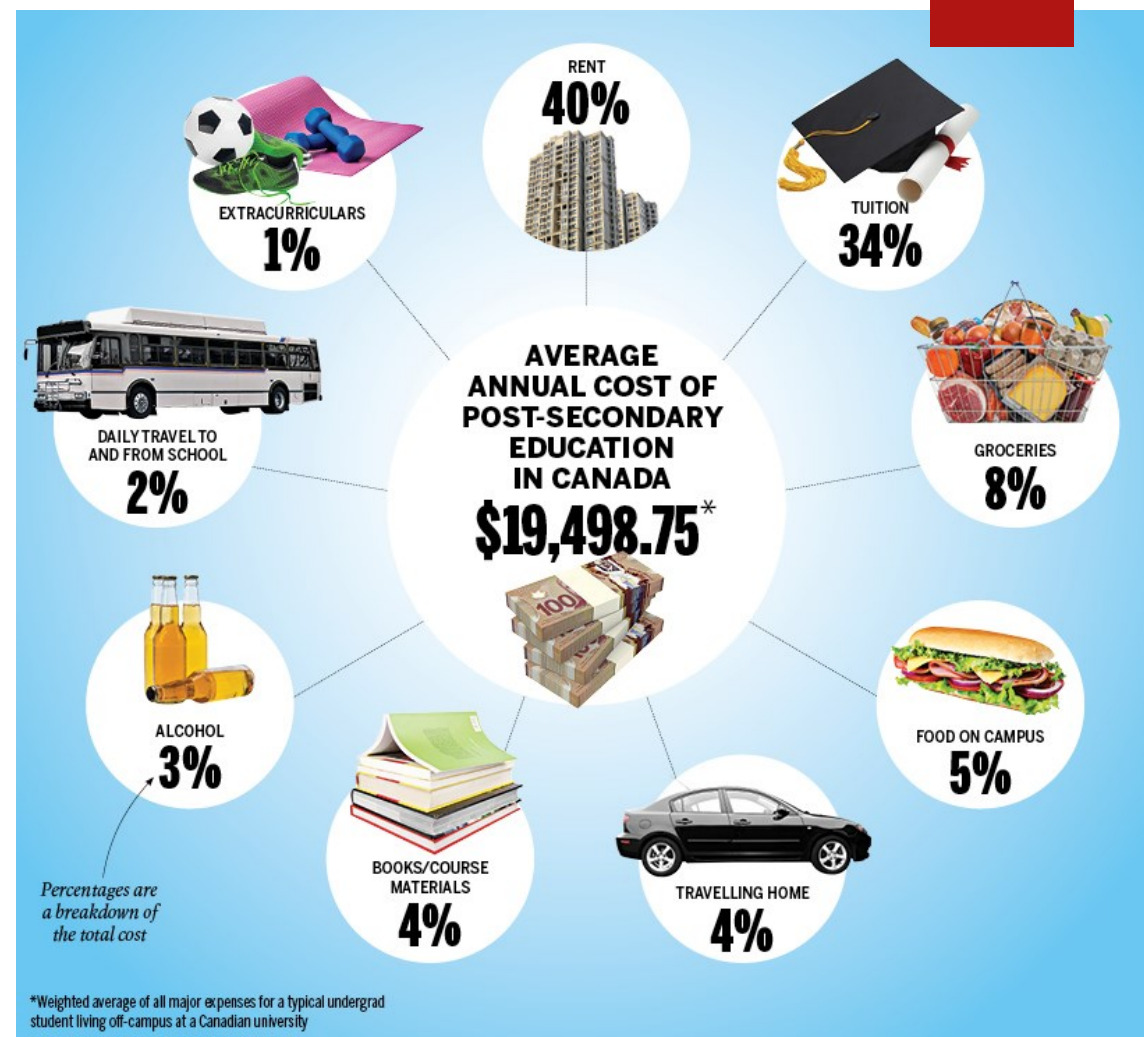
PHD CANDIDATE, DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY, MCMASTER UNIVERSITY

# Demographics

- ▶ Between McMaster University and Mohawk College there are over 60,000 students in postsecondary education
- ▶ In Ontario in 2019 *during the school months*:
  - ▶ 32.5% of full-time students aged 15 to 19 have a job
  - ▶ 42.1% of full-time students aged 20 to 24 have a job
  - ▶ 44.6% of full-time student aged 25 to 29 have a job
- ▶ Students, aged 15 to 24 are the most likely demographic to be minimum wage workers (32.6%)

# Student Expenditures

- ▶ Source: Mclean's: The cost of a Canadian university education in six charts
- ▶ Rent @ 40% of \$19,500 = \$7800/year
- ▶ \$650/month
- ▶ Hrs. to earn \$650 @ \$14/hr = approx. 46hrs/month (before deductions)
  - ▶ Avg. 11.5 hrs/week



# Student Incomes

- ▶ Target: \$19,500 a year
- ▶ Summer earnings:
  - ▶ May, June, July, August (4 months) @ \$14.00 X 40 hrs a week
  - ▶ (16 weeks) x (\$14 x 40 hrs)
  - ▶ = \$8,960 (*before taxes and deductions*)
- ▶ School Year earnings:
  - ▶ 8 months part-time work @ \$14.00 x 10hrs a week
  - ▶ = \$4,480 (*before taxes and deductions*)
- ▶ Total = \$13,440 (a \$6,060 shortfall)



# Student Debt

# Youth employment and a living wage

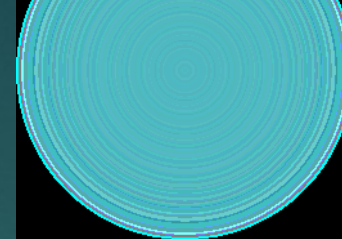
- ▶ Research results are inconclusive as to whether raising the minimum wage has a labour displacing effect
- ▶ Experiences of other living wage cities (ex. Seattle, Vancouver) have yielded net benefits for low-wage earners and have not led to the job losses that were predicted
- ▶ Research indicates that significant wage raises could lead to decreases in the growth rate for youth employment over the short-term though also acknowledges that the minimum wage is one factor of many in determining labour market outcomes.



<b>Quebec</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>Growth 2016-19</b>
Wage (Month, Year)	\$10.75 (May 2016)	\$11.25 (May 2017)	\$11.75 (May 2018)	\$12.10 (May 2019)	14.0%
Total, all industries	550.2	547.7	550.1	572.2	3.84%
Retail trade	161.4	161.2	160.5	177.4	9.02%
Accommodation and food services	114.1	112.1	109.6	107.8	-5.84%
Unemployment Rate (15-24 years)	12.7	10.3	9.5	8.6	-47.67%
<b>Ontario</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>Growth 2016-19</b>
Wage (Month, Year)	\$11.40 (October 2016)	\$11.60 (October 2017)	\$14.00 (January 2018)	\$14.00 (January 2019)	18.6%
Total, all industries	925.9	950	955.7	985.3	6.03%
Retail trade	233.4	243.9	228.6	259.7	10.13%
Accommodation and food services	191.5	178.5	190.3	187.2	-2.30%
Unemployment Rate (15-24 years)	14	12.3	11.9	12.1	-15.70%
<b>Alberta</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>Growth 2016-19</b>
Wage (Month, Year)	\$12.20 (October 2016)	\$13.60 (October 2017)	\$15.00 (October 2018)	No announced change	18.7%
Total, all industries	303.2	293.8	285.8	285.7	-6.13%
Retail trade	77.3	74.9	69.4	69.1	-11.87%
Accommodation and food services	58.6	59.3	57.4	56.9	-2.99%
Unemployment Rate (15-24 years)	13.1	13.2	12.2	12.7	-3.15%

# Conclusions

- ▶ The rising costs of living and studying for post-secondary students requires student-workers to be paid a living wage
- ▶ Failure to implement a living wage across the board is likely to lead to a host of adverse consequences including increased working poverty and a growing debt bubble
- ▶ The implementation of a living wage in other places has not demonstrably led to adverse labour market outcomes and may actually have a net benefit by stimulating local demand
- ▶ The need for comprehensive labour market initiatives such as a local Youth Jobs Strategy



# Appendixes



# A1: Precariousness and Mental Health

- ▶ 26.3% of post-secondary students reported having been diagnosed or treated by a professional for one or more mental health conditions in the last 12 months (with anxiety and depression being the most frequent). (University of Ottawa)
- ▶ “Canadians in the lowest income group are 3 to 4 times more likely than those in the highest income group to report poor to fair mental health.” (Canadian Institute of Health Research)
- ▶ “Young people aged 15 to 24 are more likely to experience mental illness and/or substance use disorders than any other age group.” (Canadian Institute of Health Research)
- ▶ “The economic burden of mental illness in Canada is estimated at \$51 billion per year. This includes health care costs, lost productivity, and reductions in health-related quality of life.” (Canadian Institute of Health Research)

Year	Revenues	Expenses	Surplus
2010	\$ 1,684,411,244	\$ 1,438,493,703	\$ <b>245,917,541</b>
2011	\$ 1,710,011,878	\$ 1,451,621,362	\$ <b>258,390,516</b>
2012	\$ 1,597,223,622	\$ 1,466,383,699	\$ <b>130,839,923</b>
2013	\$ 1,593,687,923	\$ 1,482,316,758	\$ <b>111,371,165</b>
2014	\$ 1,727,819,191	\$ 1,541,621,111	\$ <b>186,198,080</b>
2015	\$ 1,763,787,450	\$ 1,627,189,779	\$ <b>136,597,671</b>
2016	\$ 1,838,208,219	\$ 1,657,033,962	\$ <b>181,174,257</b>
2017	\$ 1,958,073,490	\$ 1,691,027,772	\$ <b>267,045,718</b>
2018	\$ 2,010,385,319	\$ 1,763,857,471	\$ <b>246,527,848</b>

# A2: Hamilton Fiscal Data

Source: Ministry of Municipal  
Affairs and Housing

C3		FIR2018: Hamilton C											
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
80	1880	Municipal Land Transfer Tax (City of Toronto Act, 2006) . . . . .											
82	1885	Transient Accommodation Tax . . . . .											
84	1905	Increase/Decrease in Government Business Enterprise equity . . . . .										24,285,000	
86	9910	<b>TOTAL Revenues</b>										2,010,385,319	
89	<b>Continuity of Accumulated Surplus/(Deficit)</b>										1		
90											\$		
91	2010	PLUS: Total Revenues (SLC 10 9910 01) . . . . .										2,010,385,319	
92	2020	LESS: Total Expenses (SLC 40 9910 11) . . . . .										1,763,857,471	
93	2030	PLUS: . . . . .											
94	2040	PLUS: . . . . .											
95	2045	PLUS: PSAB Adjustments . . . . .											
96	2099	Annual Surplus/(Deficit) . . . . .										246,527,848	
98	2060	Accumulated surplus/(deficit) at the beginning of year . . . . .										5,699,300,639	
99	2061	Prior period adjustments . . . . .											
100	2062	Restated accumulated surplus/(deficit) at the beginning of year . . . . .										5,699,300,639	
101	9950	Accumulated surplus/(deficit) at the end of year (SLC 10 2099 01 + SLC 10 2062 01). . . . .										5,945,828,487	

# A3: Student debt when entering the job market

		Ontario <a href="#">(map)</a>			
		Graduates who owed money for their education to any source (government or non-government)			
Level of study	Statistics <sup>5,6</sup>	2000	2005	2010	2015
		Dollars			
College <sup>7</sup>	Average debt remaining at time of interview for those who still owed	12,000	13,400	13,700	14,600 <sup>B</sup>
Bachelor's <sup>8</sup>	Average debt remaining at time of interview for those who still owed	18,300	21,900	19,000	26,000 <sup>B</sup>
Master's <sup>2</sup>	Average debt remaining at time of interview for those who still owed	21,000	23,400	26,100	27,000 <sup>B</sup>
Doctorate	Average debt remaining at time of interview for those who still owed	21,200	26,500	31,400 <sup>E</sup>	34,000 <sup>A</sup>

## Total Labour Market Data

<b>Quebec</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>Growth 2016-19</b>
Wage (Month, Year)	\$10.75 (May 2016)	\$11.25 (May 2017)	\$11.75 (May 2018)	\$12.50 (May 2019)	14.0%
Total, all industries	4,133.10	4,223.30	4,262.20	4,339.90	4.77%
Retail trade	501.8	505.2	503.4	525.6	4.53%
Accommodation and food services	284	272.4	270.5	257.4	-10.33%
Unemployment Rate	6.2	5.4	4.9	4.5	-37.78%

<b>Ontario</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>Growth 2016-19</b>
Wage (Month, Year)	\$11.40 (October 2016)	\$11.60 (October 2017)	\$14.00 (January 2018)	\$14.00 (January 2019)	18.6%
Total, all industries	6,999.60	7,128.00	7,242.40	7,452.60	6.08%
Retail trade	754.2	806.1	814.2	844.2	10.66%
Accommodation and food services	456.8	454.3	468.2	457.8	0.22%
Unemployment Rate	5.3	4.9	4.6	4.5	-17.78%

<b>Alberta</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>Growth 2016-19</b>
Wage (Month, Year)	\$12.20 (October 2016)	\$13.60 (October 2017)	\$15.00 (October 2018)	No announced change	18.7%
Total, all industries	2,263.80	2,286.90	2,330.70	2,343.00	3.38%
Retail trade	246.4	241.6	247.1	249.6	1.28%
Accommodation and food services	144.4	148.1	147.5	146.1	1.16%
Unemployment Rate	7.3	7	5.7	6	-21.67%



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**Form: Request to Speak to Committee of Council**

Submitted on Friday, February 7, 2020 - 12:18 pm

==Committee Requested==

**Committee:** General Issues Committee

==Requestor Information==

**Name of Individual:** Miriam Sager

**Name of Organization:**

**Contact Number:**

**Email Address:**

**Mailing Address:**

**Reason(s) for delegation request:** Climate Emergency

**Will you be requesting funds from the City?** No

**Will you be submitting a formal presentation?** No

5.33

**Form: Request to Speak to Committee of Council**

Submitted on Friday, February 7, 2020 - 3:15 pm

==Committee Requested==

**Committee:** General Issues Committee

==Requestor Information==

**Name of Individual:** Geraldine McMullen**Name of Organization:** N/A**Contact Number:****Email Address:****Mailing Address:**

**Reason(s) for delegation request:** I had made a submission to delegate and have not received confirmation. It is possible that it was not received. I have since checked the Agenda for Monday, February 10. I understand the deadline was earlier today. Is it possible to be considered to be added? It was regarding Sidewalk Snow Removal.

**Will you be requesting funds from the City?** No**Will you be submitting a formal presentation?** No