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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.
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