

IN SUPPORT OF RESPONSIBLE SIDEWALK REMOVAL

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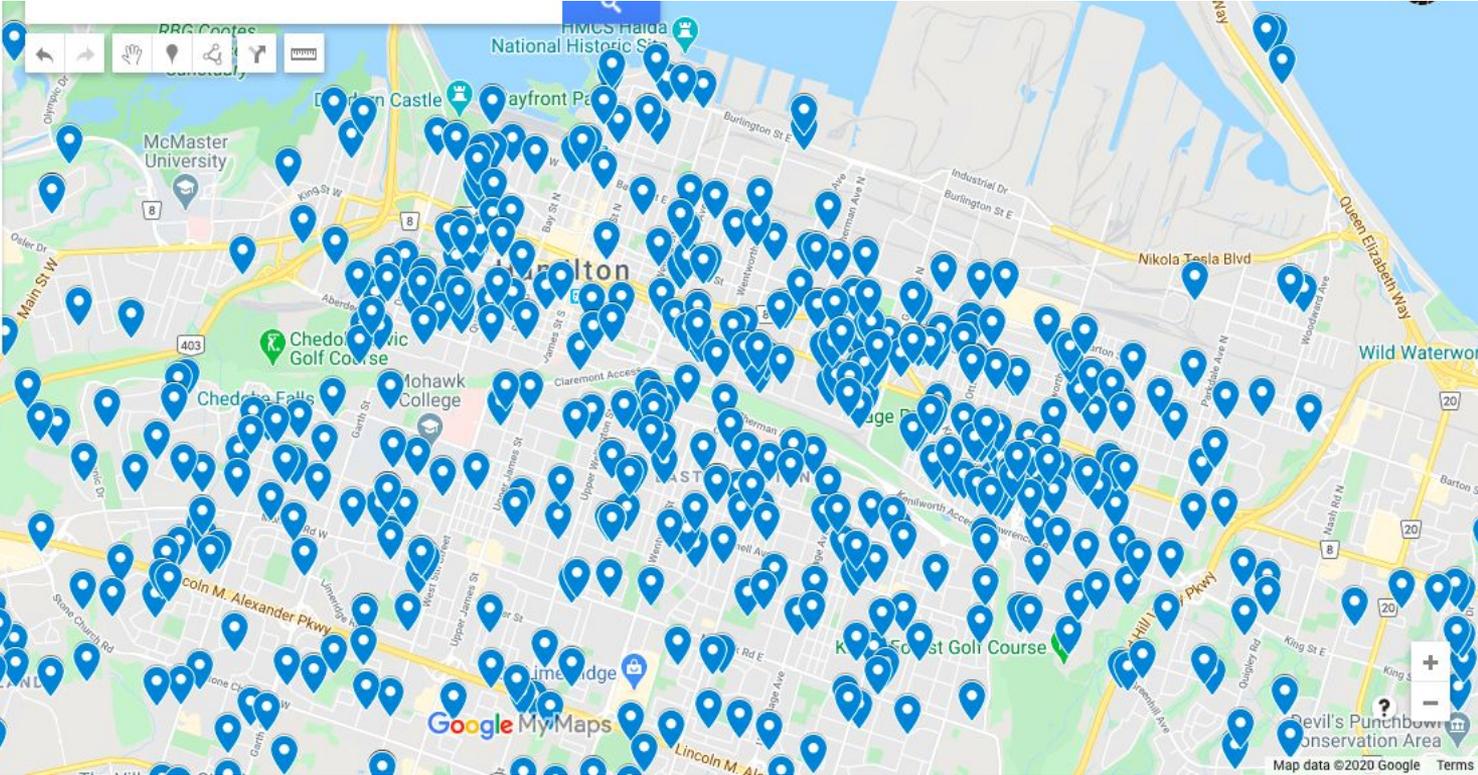
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When my first was in kindergarten and my second was a baby the first summer. He was a baby. We lost three strollers. I went through something like twenty-five hundred bucks worth of strollers because businesses and people would not shovel and the wheels 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



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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 Nrinder,

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
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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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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