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To: clerk@hamilton.ca

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City Clerk,

This is a copy of an email I seNT to the Mayor and all city counselors. I ask that these emails be made part of the council meeting on Wednesday, November 18, 2020.

Dear Mayor,

City council is discussing this on Wednesday. They want to put any decisions of this matter off until next year. During a winter of Covid, during a winter of isolation; our elected city council wants to delay the clearing of sidewalks. Persons with Disabilities, Seniors and Others at risk of falls will be denied the safety needed to simply get outside. In the fresh air. To go for a walk. To go to the store. We, the people of Hamilton have spoken on this matter to those we elected. Once again, they choose to willfully ignore what their own citizens agree on. It lacks the foresight needed to get through a winter of Covid. In denying this simple right to access the outdoors, I fear the consequences will outway any benefit council will conjure to defend their decision.

I urge you to do the right thing. I urge you to stand with your citizens. I urge you to be part of the solution to minimizing injuries, to help those dealing with isolation this winter, and to play a part in contributing to the mental well-being of your citizens in what promises to be the most challenging winter of our generation.

Respectfully,

Maureen McDougall