

Hi Ms. Kenwell and Councillor Thomson,

As the Chair and City Council representatives on the Accessibility Advisory Committee I have an accessibility issue that I would respectfully request your committee review.

The picture included below provides a clear visual which highlights the concern that I have received from several residents regarding the ability for individuals to navigate our city Walk Ways/Cat Walks. These walk ways are designed to connect city streets and increase mobility by making walking more convenient for residents.

At present these walk ways are not being maintained during the winter, which most often means they are unusable for individuals with mobility issues, and in the icy conditions as seen in the picture below - clearly unsafe to navigate and in no way accessible. A potential solution is simply to maintain these walk ways to the standard of city sidewalks.

With this noted I would sincerely appreciate the Accessibility Advisory Committee adding winter maintenance of City of Barrie Walk Ways to your next meeting agenda.

If you would like to discuss this further I would be happy to chat or if you require me to attend the meeting I would welcome attending.

Thank you for considering this request,

Jim

Jim Harris
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