

November 20th, 2019

City Council

The City of London

Re: Barrier Free Sidewalks

Council,

Recently, a petition was undertaken to gain support for barrier free sidewalks, specifically during the winter months. To date, over 600 people have signed this petition. This petition has gained attention in the local media on 980 CFPL and CBC London. A copy of the petition along with a list of signatures is on file with the Clerk's Office.

Sidewalk snow clearing has been problematic for years. Disabled users are, in many cases, unable to traverse the sidewalks as they are impassable once snow becomes packed and icy. Sidewalk users are falling and getting injured as there isn't as much emphasis on our sidewalks as there is for roads.

Given the vital necessity to ensure a clear, safe sidewalk network in London, I am requesting that City Council give some serious consideration during budget deliberations to make sidewalk clearing and maintenance a high priority.

I welcome your feedback.

Thank you

Gerald LaHay