

*Ontarians with Disabilities Act or Bill 125
is “An Act to improve the identification,
removal, and prevention of barriers faced
by persons with disabilities”*

“provide infrastructure that make all forms of mobility safe, attractive, comfortable, and efficient”

“streets should be designed to be inclusive and accessible so that road users of all ages and abilities are accommodated to the maximum degree possible”

Complete Street Design Manual – City of London

*We appose the assumption that
sidewalks in our neighbourhood will
increase our accessibility and improve
our safety.*

Sidewalk ridges, heaved sections due to frost and tree roots, as well as road to sidewalk dips, make walking uncomfortable, and often very difficult.

“I find it's very hard to use a wheelchair on a sidewalk - it is much easier on the road”

Resident, Hampton Crescent

“They obviously don't know what it's like to use a walker on a sidewalk”

Resident, St. Anthony Rd.

During our snowy seasons sidewalks can be treacherous, forcing users onto the roadways.

“Cars go too fast in Hazelden North (which has sidewalks) - they don't expect me on the road”

Resident, St. Anthony Rd.

*Reality:
We live in a
city with
months of
snow and ice.*



St. Anthony Road:

- *is plowed and salted frequently,*
- *it's pavement is smoother and melts faster*
*... making it more **accessible** and **comfortable***
than sidewalks.

Motorists expect pedestrians on the road in this subdivision, and drive slowly and considerately.

“I feel perfectly safe walking on our street”

Resident, St. Anthony Rd.

“I feel completely safe on the road even in winter, ... in our neighbourhood everyone drives slowly - it is one giant pedestrian walkway giving us the freedom to choose how we use our road.”

Susan Mahipaul, St. Anthony Rd.

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