

Hi Corrine,

I attempted (late) to speak today, but I did not hear back from City staff.

## PRESENTATION TO THE CIVIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Jan 31/2023 Jocelyn Cline

As a person with mobility issues due to arthritis, I recognize the importance of accessibility to parks and other areas of the city that promote mobility and healthy lifestyles.

However, I do not feel that the stairway from Edgehill Crescent down into the ravine can be considered a good choice for accessibility. That stairway is very steep, although tiered. It is not maintained during the winter, and poorly maintained, if at all at other times of the year. Has data been collected on the use of the stairway to learn if access via the stairway is required?

Much safer and readier access is available from Blackacres Blvd at the entrance to the ravine and pathway behind 35 Edgehill Cres. There, there is a crossing, sidewalks, and the access continues via carefully-planned and well-used pathways through the green spaces behind Emily Carr School, up the hill and further into the subdivision.

There would be no advantage for anyone west of Edgehill Road to use a sidewalk on Edgehill Road to gain access to the ravine. The quicker, safer and shorter access would be along Blackacres, behind 35 Edgehill Crescent.

Regarding a possible sidewalk along Edgehill Road and around the corner on Edgehill Crescent to connect to the stairway, it is recognized that a curbside sidewalk would not result in the loss of trees. However, a snowplow would make the curbside sidewalk unusable; and a sidewalk plow, when available, would push half of the snow back into the street.

And this Neighbourhood process has heard from residents of Edgehill Crescent who require wheelchairs who feel safer using quiet Edgehill Crescent than uneven and poorly-maintained sidewalks in the area.