

**To:** Chair and Members of Infrastructure and Environment Committee

**From:** *Councillor A. Perruzza*

**Date:** October 26, 2021

**Subject:** Revisiting Strategy to Maintain Public Walkways in a State of Good Repair

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Over the past twenty months of the pandemic we have seen increased use of our public walkways as residents travel through and enjoy their neighbourhoods safety during the pandemic. Residents have come to find that our public walkways are deteriorating; overgrown with vegetation, and with cracks that present serious safety and accessibility concerns. Included in the attachment are photos of two walkways in my ward with these issues.

Cyclical maintenance of these spaces is lacking, leaving walkways overgrown with vegetation in warmer months, and icy or impassable in winter.

As we continue to make use of our outdoor spaces to a greater degree, the walkways that connect our communities must be properly maintained.

I recommend:

1. That City Council request the General Manager, Transportation Services, to provide an update no later than January of 2022 to the Infrastructure and Environment Committee on
  - a. The current level of service for public walkways, including seasonal and regular maintenance
  - b. A framework for a City-wide strategy for the maintenance of public walkways.