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Agenda Item IE17:7 Clearing the Path Towards a Safe and Accessible Winter

The Lytton Park Residents' Organization strongly supports Councillors Matlow and Layton's motion and recommendation that the City's Transportation Services update sidewalk clearing standards for neighbourhoods to include Midtown, East York, and the downtown core. Clearing snow from bike lanes and cycle tracks should also be included.

In our Midtown neighbourhood, many people walk to their destination, or walk to a TTC stop. This becomes treacherous in winter with many uncleared sidewalks. Seniors are hesitant to leave their home for fear of falling; people pushing baby carriages struggle to get through mounds of snow; cyclists are forced to veer into traffic when cycle lanes are left unplowed. Even young people slip and fall when suddenly there is a patch of unseen ice that is covered by a layer of snow. As well, City plows sometimes push snow off the road onto sidewalks where it becomes frozen and cannot be reasonably cleared by anyone except those who have hired a snow clearing service; this is especially dangerous on high traffic routes such as along Duplex.

It is most inequitable that in our neighbourhood where walking is most common, that we should not receive the same tax-payer-funded service that is provided to residents in the former cities of North York, Scarborough, Etobicoke, and York.

Clearing snow from frequently used City sidewalks would help to reduce the amount of slip and falls that can result in increased use of medical resources and a poorer quality of life for those who have been injured.

As stated in the Motion, "With the COVID-19 pandemic forcing us all to be outdoors, the City of Toronto must prepare this winter season for an increase in the use of our cycling infrastructure and pedestrian traffic on our City's streets, sidewalks, and park amenities."

Respectfully,

Maureen Kapral, Vice-President
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c: Mayor John Tory
Councillors

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