

# IE17.7.6

## Infrastructure and Environment

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To the City Clerk:

Please add my comments to the agenda for the November 5, 2020 Infrastructure and Environment Committee meeting on item 2020.IE17.7, Clearing the Path Towards a Safe and Accessible Winter

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Comments:

Dear IEC members,

Park People strongly supports item IE17.7, in particular Recommendation #3 for Transportation Services and Parks, Forestry and Recreation to develop a comprehensive snow clearing plan for all paved pedestrian and cycling pathways in Toronto's parks.

Public health experts are advising that getting people safely outside during COVID is vital for people's physical and mental health. This will be especially true this winter. The City of Toronto needs to do all it can to support getting people safely outdoors this winter, especially for people living in underserved neighbourhoods, seniors and youth. The City did an outstanding job creatively helping people get outside this summer – we need an even stronger effort this winter given some of the challenges encouraging people to get out in the cold.

Park People is working with a number of cities and organizations across Canada to share best practices getting people safely outside this winter. We are also providing grants, resources and training to community groups in Toronto to support safe winter outdoor activities, especially in underserved neighbourhoods. We look forward to working with Parks, Forestry and Recreation and other departments to facilitate this important community effort.

Thank you for all you do for our city and parks,

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