

CAWard7 - Dale Calkins

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Subject: [EXT] trying to go from my parents house in Rundle to Calgary Co-op for some groceries in snow

Dear City council members:

My name is Mary. I live in Inglewood. My parents live in Rundle. I'm a person with a disability, my dad has a disability as well. Both my parents are seniors. I'm sending you the video below as part of my presentation tomorrow at City Hall in regards to snow removal.

Last winter I was staying at my folks and helping them buy groceries. As you can see in the video I tried going with my walker and tried using Calgary Transit.

Due to the snow, ice, extreme cold I could not get groceries for my family that day. The bus could not lower the ramp to let me on board due to the snow piled up at the bus stop.

The entire route with exception for the sidewalk directly in front of my parents house, was covered in snow. Included in route that was covered in snow, is the bus stop, sidewalks adjent to the field/ playground/ alleyway and school property. I did not pass any private property on route to the bus stop that is right in front of Rundle Elementary school.

I would like to see these places along with the bus stop shoveled and de-iced so that people like me, children who go to school, and seniors could safely walk on the sidewalk without fear of slipping and falling.

I think the buffer around a bus stop should be more than what the city snow removal report states especially if it along a main route that in and out of the community, near a school, and has multiple clients living within walking distance of the bus route who have a disability, and or a property that is leased to low income tenants such as those who live in Calgary Housing.

The bus stop in this video fits all of that criteria. Right beside the school is an apartment that has Calgary Housing low income tenants in it. My mom and dad use Calgary Transit Access, as well their neighbors across the street, and the group home that 2 doors down on Rundleridge Dr. NE. All of the people that use Calgary Transit Access are people with disabilities who can't go to Peter Lougheed hospital at a moments notice on regular transit when there is snow and ice outside. People shouldn't be hindered from going to places that would provide things like food, healthcare, and schooling because of ice, snow, and disability. Accessible transportation whether it be by foot, by using a wheelchair, by using Calgary Transit, or Calgary Transit access should be seen as a human right. It should include a safe way to get to places regardless of what the mode of transportation is. The bus that stops right in front of Rundle school goes to Peter Lougheed Hospital, Sunridge Mall, Calgary Co-op, Superstore, all the schools in the community of Rundle and Pineridge.

<https://youtu.be/j-2y1jMEh3M>

Please improve the snow removal program so people with disabilities, seniors and others can get to where they need to go!

Sincerely
Mary Salvani

