

June 6, 2018

Councillor Gian-Carlo Carra
City of Calgary, Ward 9

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Re: Snow and Ice Control Reform

Dear Councillor Cara:

I am writing you on behalf of the Manchester Community Group, an unincorporated group of residents and business owners located in the Calgary community of Manchester. Although we are an informal group of Calgary citizens, we have accomplished much in the way of community building and improvement; including the execution of a neighborhood playground, a community garden and hold regular meetings to address common concerns and seek/share resources where we live and do business.

The Manchester Community Group supports the Motion to improve accessibility and reduce injuries though Snow and Ice Control Reform. Part of the Motion speaks to an updated Pedestrian Strategy direction, and while the resolution points 1 through 10 are commendable, there is an additional issue that we would like to raise.

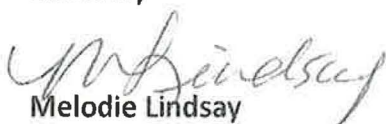
Where a sidewalk abuts an intersection, the sidewalk itself may be clear of snow and/or ice for transit by wheelchair user or a walker-assisted or simply aged or infirm pedestrian, but once that person has left the sidewalk they are quite often challenged, and sometimes overcome, by the snow windrows and/or ice ruts in the roadway intersection itself.

Of particular concern to us is a section of Manchester radiating from the intersection of 57 Avenue and 2nd Street SW. This intersection is a priority, as it is the main egress from a number of high density residences with a high ratio of wheelchair, infirm and aged residents. Although this past winter was exceptionally brutal in terms of snowfall, that intersection has been impassable for wheelchair users and dangerous for other-abled pedestrians every winter after a snowfall.

We would like to request that additional consideration be given to adding certain intersections to the Priority 1 route snow removal designation and plan. We realize that this might require some investigation to determine which intersections are of import and we would encourage the City to use groups such as ours as a resource to assist you.

We thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely



Melodie Lindsay
The Manchester Community Group Chair

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