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**To:** Council Clerk  
**Subject:** FW: [EXT] for council meeting on Thursday Sept. 6.  
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**From:** Mary Salvani [mailto:marysalvani@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 28, 2018 5:09 PM  
**To:** City Clerk <CityClerk@calgary.ca>  
**Subject:** [EXT] for council meeting on Thursday Sept. 6.

Dear city council members:

My name is Mary Salvani. I'd like you to please read my comments in regards to the following topics:

1) Snow removal:

I think it's important for snow and ice to be removed in a timely manner so people can walk safely around the city without fear of falling and being injured.

As a person with a disability and as a daughter of 2 active seniors who live in Calgary, I know that my folks and I would love to be able to get around Calgary without fear of being injured. As a mobility disability I'd like to be able to walk around without fear of falling, fear of my walker getting stuck in snow, and without fear of being stranded. One of my parents is blind. My fear for him is that he would fall because he can't see a snow bank that is in front of him when crossing the road, especially to places like the Kerby Center, Peter Lougheed hospital, and his doctors office. Because no one shovels snow for him. He does it himself despite the fact he is in his late 70s. I am scared that he may have a heart attack shoveling snow on his own.. He shouldn't have to do that, yet he does because he owns the home he lives in with my mom. My mom has heart problems. I'm scared that she may have a heart attack if she shovels the snow. She too is going blind. She can't tell where the cross walks are let alone if a snow bank is there.

Rather than penalizing them or forcing them to shovel the snow. I'd like the city of Calgary to help them find assistance with snow removal. Almost everyone around them is too old to shovel snow for them. The people across the street are in there 90s. The people beside them don't even shovel their own snow. They instead throw the snow on to my parents sidewalk.

I have a mobility disability. I try my best to help my dad shovel the snow off his property even though I don't live there. But I can't bend down to pick up teh snow and toss it in their yard. All I can do is use the shovel and push the snow towards the grass. I wsh the city would work with the poor, the disabled, and the seniors to remove the snow off their personal property rather than penalize them. Penalize those who can afford and have the ability to remove the snow, if they are just being lazy.

2) Low income sliding scale:

I get the low income bus pass. I'm really glad the city and province worked together to fund

that pass. I use the pass every day to do the things I need to do: go to school, go to the library, go to get groceries, go see my mental health worker, go to my doctor, and to go see my family. I am advocating for the province to continue to provide funding for the city so that the low income bus pass sliding scale can continue. Access to public transportation is a human right. It is the one of the tools that can help the poor, the disabled, and isolated become engaged members of society. Please continue to support the low income bus pass sliding scale. Your help is very much appreciated.

### 3) Accessible taxis:

While Calgary Transit Access provides rides to the disabled, including me, my dad and my mom. They're not enough. Often times they are delayed or lost.

Sometimes we need to go somewhere on short notice and sometimes our trips are very time sensitive (ie. doctors appointments, school appointments etc...)

That is where the need for accessible taxis comes in. We'd like to be able to get an accessible ride at a moments notice when needed, just like people without disabilities can when they call a taxi provider.

Please approve Accessible taxi licenses so that more will be on Calgary roads providing services to people with disabilities.

This may also help Calgary Transit Access out reducing their ridership so they can provide more timely rides to their customers.

Please pass this email on to city council members for their meeting on Sept. 6.

Sincerely: Mary